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CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

How the Children Were Entertained at the Various Churches in the City.

GIFTS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Little Folks Given Opportunity to Aid the Needy.

The Christmas exercises conducted by the many Sunday schools of the city for the children were well attended in every case and the little folks were not only delightfully entertained with programs, Christmas trees and gifts, but they were taught the great christian principle of charity by taking gifts to the church whichwere distributed to needy ones in the city or sent to some charitable institution.

GRACE EVANGELICAL.

The Sunday school of Grace Evangelical church in North Dixon gave a Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening, a miscellaneous program of music, recitations and a Christmas cantata. All those who took part did well and the church was so full of visitors that all could not find seats. Candy was distributed to all the children.

THE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Congregational church, in the West End, was also crowded for the exercises Thursday night. The program was very pleasing and the musical part was given by the choir and and the primary department. There were also good readings by three of the young ladies. Miss Mae Richardson recited a Christmas poem by Will Carlton and Misses Rue Barnes and Zelata Long gave appropriate readings.

Each child in the audience received a gift from the Sunday school before departing.

METHODIST CHURCH.

One of the most original entertainments given in the city was that at the Methodist church Christmas eve. Each member of each of the twenty classes in the Sunday school donated a gift for charitable purposes and as far as possible the gifts from each class were different from those of the other classes. The numbers of the program like the gifts were unannounced until given and so the evening was a succession of surprises.

Each class furnished a number for the program and there were recitations, dialogues, solos, duettes and choruses. Prof. F. E. Rice presided as superintendent and Miss Varina Davies was organist.

The gifts were in great variety and were taken to the platform in packages, bags, baskets and by wheelbarrows full. There were money contributions also, ranging from $5 by Mr. Lewis' class to lesser amounts. One of the most comical gifts was a half dozen of live chickens carried by the boys of Miss Rosbrook's class, the boys being dressed to represent darkys and each telling where he got his chicken. Miss Anderson's class had a sack of flour. Mrs. Graves' class five market baskets filled with apples, Miss Kentner's class, many glasses of fine fruit jelly. There were cans of Borden condensed milk, packages of Quaker oats, cans of fruit, nuts and candy. Each of the little girls in Mrs. Rice's class carried a bar of Santa Claus soap Miss Decker's and Mrs. Rowland's classes sent large boxes of stockings and Miss Morgan's class a package of sugar.

The church was very prettily decorated and there were two large Christmas trees to gladden the hearts of the children. Oranges and little stockings filled with candy were given to the children. Some of the things donated were given to needy people in Dixon and the remainder sent to the orphanage at Lake Bluff A stocking containing 500 pennies was contributed by Miss Kentner's class for the piano fund.

We regret that we were unable to get reports of the exercises in other churches in time for this evening's paper.

Sleigh Was Broken.

Two young ladies out sleighriding with a young man came to grief last evening about 9:30 o'clock. While on Ottawa avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets their cutter struck an obstruction and was overturned and badly wrecked. Luckily none of the party was injured. The young ladies walked home while the young man had to take the horse to the stable, leaving the disabled vehicle at the side of the road.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE WEDDINGS.

Mrs. Sneed and Dr. Anthony---Grace Cropsey and Clarence Osborne.

At half-past eight o'clock this (Saturday) morning, December 26, at the home of the bride, 705 North Ottawa avenue in this city, Mrs. Alice Sneed was united in marriage with Dr. Frank Anthony of Sterling. the ceremony being performed by Rev E. O. Rife of the United Evangelical church. The wedding was a very unostentatious event, only the immediate relatives and a very few friends of the family being invited. The newly wedded couple took the train to Chicago, from whence they will go to Denver, where the doctor will attend the national association of physicians and surgeons. After visiting the various points of interest in Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony will be at home to their friends in Sterling. By this union Dixon loses a lady much beloved by all her acquaintances, and the United Evangelical church a faithful member and efficient helper. The groom is one of the most prominent physicians of Sterling. During the Spanish-American war Dr. Anthony was regimental surgeon of the Sixth Regiment, with rank of Major. He is very popular in business and society circles.

Married at the parsonage of the Congregational church, by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Brooks, on Friday evening, at 5:30 o'clock, Grace E. Cropsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corydon M. Cropsey, to Clarence E. Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood W. Osborne, all of this city. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cropsey, brother and sister of the bride. These y ung people have been for some time past employed in the Watson-Plummer shoe factory and have a large circle of friends who wish them a happy new year in the new relation.

BRIGGS-HOOVER.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Briggs, in Lee Center, a pretty home wedding occurred Wednesday evening when Miss Bertha Briggs was united with W. Erwin Hoover, also of Lee Center. The bride was prettily attired in white and was attended by her cousin, Miss Beans. The best man was Chas. Gisler, cousin of the groom. About fifty guests were present, those from Dixon being Charles Whipperman, an uncle of the groom. and Miss Sadie Hoover, a cousin of the groom.

CHRISTMAS IN COUNTY JAIL

Prisoners Appreciate Fine Dinner Served by Sheriff and Wife.

LEE COUNTY JAIL, Dec. 26 1903.

Sheriff and Mrs. Wohnke delighted their charges Christmas day with an extra fine dinner and that their thoughtfulness is appreciated is shown by the following letter received by THE TELEGRAPH this morning:

EDITOR:

Sir, We, the inmates of the Lee Co., Jail, wish to thank, through THE DIXON DAILY TELEGRAPH, Sheriff Wohnke and his wife for the dinner which they served Christmas. We appreciate and thank them very much for the same; and I can say it was as nice a dinner as could be served anywhere. We all unite in thanking them for it, and wish them a great many more of their Merry Christmas days and a happy New Year. The dinner was all that could be asked for. Turkey stuffed, mashed potatoes, celery, cranberry sauce, mince pie, fruit cake, tea, ice cream, honey, bananas, oranges, and, in fact, everything the market could afford. It seems that they done their utmost to put the same up for us, doing the same in a true christian like way. In fact, I think a good many on the outside would have liked to partake of the same.

EDWARD J. MOORE,
(An inmate of the jail.)

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT.

DeMotte's Famous Illustrated Lecture Announced for Monday Night.

Seldom does an entertainment come as highly recommended as DeMotte and his lecture upon "The Harp of the Senses; or the Secret of Character-Building," which will be given at the opera house Monday evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The lecture will be beautifully and profusely illustrated. Word received from cities where the lecture was given this week say it made a decided hit and received storms of applause for its novelty and beauty. The seat chart has been checking well and the house will be filled Monday night.

THE SUNDAY SERVICES

Two Fine Musical Programs at the Presbyterian Appropriate to Christmas Time.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT Y. M. C. A.

Ladies and Gentlemen Both Invited to the Afternoon Service.

The spirit of Christmas tide which fills all hearts at this time will be echoed in all the church services in the city tomorrow. At several of the churches and at the Y. M. C. A. there will be special services of a musical and other nature in commemoration of the day which gave a Savior to the world. A directory of the city churches giving the hours of services and subject for consideration will be found on page 2 of this paper.

AT PRESBYTERIAN.

The Christmas services at the Presbyterian church tomorrow will be very interesting and helpful. The musical part will be of a high order.

A full choir of sixteen voices will render the music. Miss Louise Heilman, a contralto singer of Chicago, will sing at the evening service.

The pastor will preach an appropriate Christmas sermon.

The public is most cordially invited to be present at both services. In the evening the musical service will commence promptly at 7:15.

The following fine programs will be rendered:

Morning.

Christmas Pastoral.....Merkel
Mr. A. H. Stoddard.
"Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come".....Handel
Choir and Congregation.
Invocation.
Lord's Prayer (Chanted)
The Dawn of Hope.....Choir.....Shelly
Baritone Solo—Mr. E. B. Raymond.
Scripture Reading.
Mary's Slumber Song.....Camp
Mrs. Frank Leake.
Prayer.
Response—.....Choir and Congregation....
.....The Gloria
Berceuse.....(From Jocelyn).....Godard
Mr. Ralph Brown.
Announcements.
Offering.
Angels' Serenade.....Braga
Mr. Stoddard.
O Holy Night.....Lassen
Mrs. E. A. Sickels. Misses Dement and Eells.
A Christmas Sermon—S. S. Cryor, D. D.
Prayer.
Hark! The Herald's Angels Sing.....Mendelssohn
Choir and Congregation.
O! Sing to God.....The Choir.....Gounod
Soprano Obligato—Mrs. E. A. Sickels.
Alto Solo—Miss Harbaugh.
Benediction.
March Pontifical.....Gounod

EVENING SERVICE.

Christmas March } Barnby
Adagio } Mendelssohn
Triumphal March } Mr. A. H. Stoddard.
While Shepherds Watched Their Flock by Night.....Handel
Choir and Congregation.
Nazareth—The Choir.....Gounod
Alto Solo—Mrs. F. L. Munson.
Baritone Solo—Mr. Henry Wahl.
Scripture Reading.
Star of Peace.....Adams
Miss Louise Heilman.
Prayer.
O, Little Town of Bethlehem—The Choir.....Neidlinger
Soprano Obligato—Miss Carrie Smith
Announcements.
Offering.
Offertoire in A flat.....Read
Mr. Stoddard.
He Shall Feed His Flocks—(from the Messiah).....Handel
Miss Heilman.
Sermon—"A Christmas Journey in the Sacred Land.....S. S. Cryor, D. D.
Prayer.
His Salvation—The Choir.....Whiting
Soprano Solo—Miss Smith.
Tenor Solo—Mr. Carl Brown.
O, Come, All Ye Faithful.....Reading
Choir and Congregation.
Benediction.
Now the Day is Over.....Barnby
The Choir.
(Congregation standing)
Festival March.....Brisson-Clark

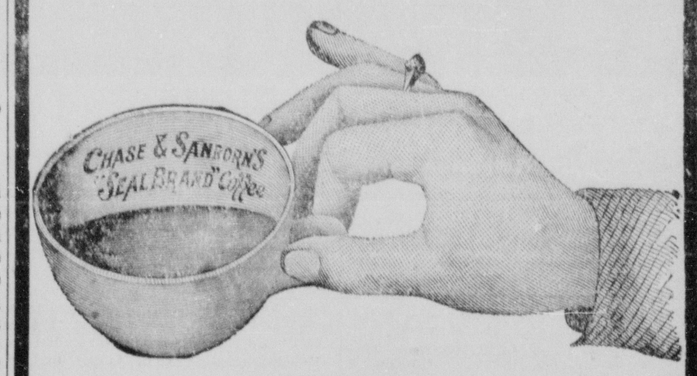
SPECIAL MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S.

The evensong at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at St Luke's Episcopal church will be marked by special music in addition to that furnished by the vested choir. There will be a trio "O Holy Night" by Mrs. E. A Sickels, Miss Bess Eells and Miss Lorna Dement. Ralph Brown will give a violin solo, and there will be vocal numbers by Horace Diller of Sterling, Madame Kent and Mrs. L. E. Edwards.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

A special Christmas service will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Craven will give an address upon "The Shortness of Time." Miss Louise Heilman of Chicago will sing contralto solos and there will be a vocal duette by W. B. Rice and Mrs. C. Murphy. Charles Lowry will also play a violin solo. Ladies as well as gentlemen are invited to this service.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Peoria Avenue and Second Street. Rev William Craven, D. D., Pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. 12 m. Sunday School. Prof. Rice, superintendent. 3 p. m. Junior League. Mrs. Bunnell, superintendent. 6:30 p. m. Epworth League.

The subject of the Rev. William Craven's morning sermon will be "The Greatest Gift."

Evening subject: "Lawlessness and Faithlessness.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

First street, near Madison avenue Rev. Finis Idleman, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m.

Morning theme: "The Letter and the Spirit."

Evening theme: "The Cry of the Old Year,'

WEST SIDE CONGREGATIONAL.

Corner Van Buren Avenue and Fourth street. Rev. J. G. Brooks, Pastor. Sabbath School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 a.m. Junior Endeavor at 3 o'clock. Miss Della Randolph, superintendent. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. will be led by Miss Della Randolph.

Rev. Brooks will preach both morning and evening.

Morning subject: "Individual Responsibility, or What is My Work in Revival?"

Evening subject: "The Meaning of the Angels' Message 'Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Special music at morning and evening services.

UNITED EVANGELICAL.

Grace Evangelical church, Fellows and Ottawa, North Dixon. Rev. E. O. Rife, pastor. 10 a. m. Bible School. 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. preaching 6:45 p. m. K. L. C. E. Wednesday 7:30 Mid-Week Devotional and Teachers Meeting. Friday 4 p. m. Juniors.

At the morning service the newly elected Sunday School officers and teachers will be installed, with an address by the pastor.

In the evening the entire service will be given over to the interests of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor. This service will begin promptly at 7 o'clock.

GERMAN BAPTIST BRETHREN.

The German Baptist Brethren will hold services each Sunday morning in the Universalists' church on the corner of Hennepin avenue and Second street at 11 o'clock Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Everybody invited. Rev. C. M. Suter, minister in charge.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Second Street, between Galena and Ottawa. Sunday services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Baptist Young People's Union 6:30 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Rev. W. E. Hopkins, missionary, of Chicago, an interesting speaker, will address the congregation, morning and evening.

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

Universalist Society. Joseph F. Newton Pastor. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Theme: 'Christianity."

Christmassermon and music,

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL.

Cor. Peoria avenue and Third street. Rev. J. M. Ericsson, Rector. Dec. 27th, fifth Sunday in Advent. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School and Bible class at 12 m. Evensong with special music at 5 p. m. Guild Chapters meet on Friday. Choir rehearsals Friday at 7.30 p. m. and Sunday 4:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Third street, between Galena and Ottawa Rev. S. S. Cryor, D. D., Pastor. Preaching Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by pastor. Sunday School at close of morning service; Eugene Raymond, Superintendent. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

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Foster Predicts Many Changes From Cold to Warm and Back Again.

WILL START WITH A COLD WAVE

Temperature Will Average Above Normal---Poor For Ice Harvest.

Copywrighted 1903 by W. T. Foster.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26:—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent 29 to Jan. 2, warm wave 28 to Jan. 1, cool wave 31 to Jan. 4. A cold wave, most severe of the month, will cross continent January 1 to 8 making a long spell of cold weather, particularly in the northeastern states. Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about Janury 6, cross west of Rockies by close of 7, great central valleys 8 to 10, eastern states 11. Warm wave will cross west of Rockies about 6, great central valleys 8, eastern states 10. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies about 9, great central velley 11, eastern states 13.

This disturbance will belong to a great rise and will give an average of above normal temperatures.

January temperatures usually continue about the same from first to last; as an average of many years this is particularly true. But not so for the coming January. First week in the month will bring real winter with ice making weather and later in the month many thaws: will not be a good month for harvesting ice; better in the northeastern states than farther west.

Storms in January will develop greatest force not far from 1, 6, 17 to 21. While several cold dips will occur in all parts of the country the coldest weather will go to the northeastern states and the South Carolina coast. Principal precipitation will occur the first week of the month followed by a week or more of very dry weather. In great central valleys the temperature will average above normal; in Pacific and Atlantic coast states below normal. First ten days of the month will average below normal temperatures in all sections. All of the above applies to both Canada and the United States.

—John Bracken of Polo was a Dixon visitor yesterday.

—Mrs. Hill, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. John Hetler, is very ill and is not expected to live.

THE NEEDS OF ALASKA

Important Reforms Recommended by Senate Committee.

PENROSE AFTER MAIL SWINDLERS

Introduces Bills to Prevent Use of Postoffice by Get Rich Quick Schemes—Gaines on Tobacco and Wives—General Wood's Promotion.

Washington, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—Senator Dillingham of Vermont has been preparing a very exhaustive report upon Alaska. He was chairman of the subcommittee on territories that visited Alaska last summer, and to him was assigned the duty of drawing up a report. The others were Nelson of Minnesota, Burnham of New Hampshire and Patterson of Colorado. This report, if many of its recommendations should be considered by congress, will be very important to the big territory of the north Pacific. Eastern members of the subcommittee were so impressed by Alaska that they will give more attention to the needs of that section than would western men, to whom such immense stretches of country are more familiar. It will benefit Alaska to have such champions as Dillingham and Burnham.

After Skin Games.

Senator Penrose is after the swindlers who use the mails to aid them in their nefarious practices. He has introduced bills which will make it very difficult hereafter to use the postoffice for the purpose of aiding clever men who live by their wits to get the dollars of the unsophisticated. By the number of bills introduced and the laws already on the statute books it would seem that about the easiest thing in the country is for swindlers to take money away from people. Almost any device in the way of a chance to get rich quick or to make a few dollars upon a small outlay of capital catches suckers without number. The confidence people have in absolute strangers is astonishing.

Foolish Exaggeration.

A novelist is supposed to take liberties with facts, but he ought not to foolishly exaggerate. A recent novel laid the scene of a few chapters in Washington, and an attempt was made to give a pen picture of life here. Some of it was true, and some was not, but what I especially thought was absurd was the author's reference to the efforts that are being made here to secure improvements on a large scale. These improvements were blocked, he said, by the men from North and South Dakota, although they secured $5,000,000 for a public building in a small town in one of their states. It is a well known fact that the great improvement scheme was blocked, and effectually, too, by Joseph G. Cannon, then chairman of the committee on appropriations and now speaker of the house. As for the Dakota men, I will guarantee that they will be as liberal as any men in making improvements at the capital. And both the Dakotas did not get one-twentieth of $5,000,000 in the public building bill.

Gaines Ought to Know.

John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee was married last summer, and consequently a remark he made during a speech upon the good a certain manner of handling tobacco would bring about caused no little amusement. "It will bring trade," said Gaines. "It will be practically legal tender, as it used to be in Virginia, when twelve pounds of 'bright Virginia' bought a wife, and some of us now couldn't get her with a thousand pounds [laughter], belles have gone up so and tobacco down."

Looks After Massachusetts Men.

Senator Hoar never lets an occasion pass when a reference is made to Massachusetts men to set them right if possible. When Senator Mitchell was delivering a speech on the Oregon country, speaking for the Lewis and Clark centennial, he quoted Senator Winthrop of Massachusetts as saying:

"This country will not be straitened for elbow room in the west for a thousand years, and neither the west nor the country at large has any interest in retaining Oregon."

Senator Hoar interrupted to remark that "the declaration was made one year before the discovery of the electric telegraph," and he also said in regard to Daniel Webster's opposition to Oregon that certain of Webster's statements were made "when a transcontinental railroad was considered a mere chimera." He expressed a doubt that there could have been union between the Atlantic and Pacific states without railroad and telegraphic communication.

Was McKinley's Selection.

So many people seem to think that because President Roosevelt is a warm personal friend of General Leonard Wood he is responsible for his rapid promotion. The president found Wood at the head of the list of brigadier generals and appointed him to the next grade. McKinley appointed Wood a colonel of volunteers at the beginning of the Spanish war and promoted him to be brigadier general of volunteers. Later, in rearranging the volunteer officers, nearly all the commissions were vacated, and Wood was again made a brigadier general. Soon after he was made a major general of volunteers, and while holding that commission he was appointed a brigadier general in the regular army. All of these appointments were made by McKinley. They were all confirmed by the senate. It is only the appointment made by President Roosevelt, a promotion in the line of seniority, that seems to meet with opposition and cause criticism.

ARTHUR W. DUNN.

GETS MILLIONS FOR WYOMING

Buffalo Bill to Build Canal and Stores and Start Auto Line.

When Mr. Bixby left Dixon, some months ago, to take charge of the Meeteesie Sentinel in the Big Horn valley of Wyoming, he stated that a scheme was on foot, headed by Buffalo Bill, to boom that region and make it one of the richest portions of the great West. This scheme seems to bid fair to be realized, if the following dispatch dated at Cody, Wyoming, Dec. 23, should prove true:

"Col. W. F. Cody, or Buffalo Bill, wires from New York that he has secured $3,500,000 in cash with which to build a big canal and irrigation ditch in the Big Horn basin, to establish mercantile houses, breeding farms, hotels and hunting lodges in northern Wyoming and an automobile line between Cody and the Yellowstone park. The canal will irrigate several hundred thousand acres of the richest land in the West. Col. Cody has been trying for years to interest capitalists in these pet projects. Work on the canal will begin early next spring and will be pushed vigorously to completion."

Winning a Fur Coat.

The artist Hans Canon once painted a Russian prince in a magnificent fur mantle which took his fancy so greatly that he endeavored to hit on a plan by which he might retain possession of it. On sending home the portrait he omitted to return the garment, and to the letter requesting him to do so he made no reply. One day, when looking out of a window, he saw the prince coming toward his house. Hastily slipping into the garb, Canon sat down in an armchair near the fire. The prince, who had come for his coat, started on seeing Canon groaning and trembling at the fireside. "What is the matter with you?" he asked. "Oh," groaned Canon, "I don't know what it is, but I feel so weak and wretched, and I cannot get warm! Two days ago my brother died of smallpox, and I am a bit nervous about myself." The artist kept the coat.

A Rainy Day Hint.

"Ever notice how many men hang on to their morning papers on a rainy day?" inquired a Harlemite.

"No? Well, they keep them to dry their shoes. There are nearly a score of clerks in our office, and on fair days they leave their newspapers in their trains or boats, but when the streets are wet they keep them.

"Every one except the old fashioned fellows who wear overshoes puts his morning paper under his desk and plants his wet boots on it. Remarkable thing how the paper, being more absorbent than the leather, extracts the dampness from a pair of shoes. In half an hour the wet papers are kicked aside, and the clerks have avoided the discomfort of working all day in wet shoes."—New York Times.

Died and Re-died.

During the Boer war a British soldier, who had been reported killed in a certain battle and against whose name in the regimental book a note to that effect had been made, afterward turned up and reported himself. Then the sergeant made another note in the book, "Died by mistake." The man was placed in hospital and a few weeks later succumbed to the injuries he had received. This fact was communicated to the sergeant through the colonel of the regiment, and then a third note was made, "Re-died by order of the colonel."

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QUEER NATURAL HISTORY.

Some Curious Eighteenth Century Notions About Animals.

Some curious specimens of folklore and natural history are contained in a rare book called "The Sportsman's Dictionary," which was published 100 years ago. The author was evidently a Philistine among Philistines in his attitude toward nature.

Of the master musician, the blackbird, he says:

"This bird is known by all persons and is better to be eaten than kept, being much sweeter to the palate when dead and well roasted than to the ear while living; sings about three months in the year, or four at most, though his song is worth nothing, but if he be taught to whistle he is of some value, being very loud, though coarse." What an ear and mind!

And here is a story of the squirrel with the ring in it of the seventeenth even more than the eighteenth century. It reminds one of the hares of Izaak Walton, that changed their sexes once a year:

"If what is reported of them be true the admirable cunning of the squirrel appears in her (where we commonly use 'his' when the sex need not be specified our ancestors often used 'her') swimming or passing over a river, for when she is constrained by hunger so to do she seeks out some rind or small bark of a tree, which she sets upon the water and then goes into it, and, holding up her tail like a sail, lets the wind drive her to the other side and carries meat in her mouth to prevent being famished by the length of the voyage."

Of the wild boar we have this: "And what place soever he bites, whether man or dog, the heat of his teeth causes inflammation in the wound. If therefore he does but touch the hair of a dog he burns off—nay, huntsmen have tried the heat of his teeth by laying hairs on them as soon as he was dead, and they have shriveled up as if touched with a hot iron."

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Chicago & Northwestern

EAST BOUND		WEST BOUND	
No 8.....	3.25 a. m. *	No. 1.....	10.25 p. m*
No. 6.....	5.03 a. m. *	No 7.....	3.45 p. m*
No. 16.....	6.15 a. m. *	No. 11.....	12.44 p. m†
No. 2.....	6.37 a. m *	No 3.....	2.27 a. m†
No. 18.....	7.19 a. m †	No. 17.....	6.49 p. m*
No. 20.....	10.22 a. m †	No. 13.....	10.17 a. m*
No. 12.....	1.43 p. m *	No. 5.....	1 00 a. m*
No. 14.....	3.50 p. m †	No. 25.....	8.30 p. m†
No 28.....	4.15 p. m ¶		
No 4.....	7.13 p. m		

FREIGHT TRAINS CARRYING PASSENGERS

TRAINS GOING EAST	TRAINS GOING WES
No. 134.....7.45 a. m †	¶ No. 131...11.15 a. m

*—Daily. †—Daily except Sunday
¶—Sunday only

TRAINS CARRYING MAIL—EAST BOUND

No 19—Atlantic Express, mail
No. 18—Sterling Passenger. mail
No. 20—Cedar Rapids Passenger, mail
No. —4 Colorado Special. mail

WEST BOUND

No. 25—Overland Flyer through mail
No. 5—Colorado Special, mail
No. 17—Sterling Passenger, mail.

Illinois Central Railroad

TRAINS GOING SOUTH

*Southern Express No. 123.....	10:59 a.
Clinton Passenger No. 131.....	4:06 p.
†Local Freight No 191.....	9:37 a.

TRAINS GOING NORTH

Omaha Day Express No. 132.....	9:37 a. m
*Local Mail No. 124.....	5:18 p. m.
Local Freight No. 192.....	12:45 p. m.

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As soon as I received the Emulsion I started to use it as directed in your letter of the 7th. At first I noticed no benefit whatever, but I persisted and in the course of two or three days I began to note effect. Since then until now (and there has been about a month since I took any) my bowels have moved daily and the indications are that the benefit I have derived is to be permanent.

You certainly have my earnest thanks and any time I can recommend your medicine to any one I shall not fail to do so. It seems almost incorrect to call your Emulsion a medicine, for the effect was so mild and unlike that caused by any medicine made for this complaint.

I believe I might very well discontinue any further use of your Emulsion, but upon your advice I will continue to take it; if you think this is best, you may send me another package for the enclosed 50 cents in stamps.

I can hardly express my gratitude when I remember that I found it absolutely necessary to take cathartics of one kind or another to make my bowels move daily, and should I not take any medicine it often happened that three and four days would pass between the stools. My constipation had gotten so serious that none of the ordinary cathartics would effect me at all and I had used everything that I could hear of. I am so delighted with the results of your Emulsion that if I can be of any benefit or service to you I shall be pleased to know it. Thanking you very much for your kindness, I am, respectfully yours,

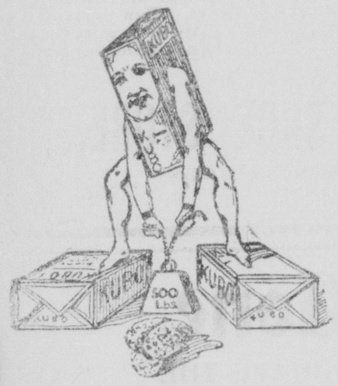
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REPLY BY THE 7TH OF JANUARY

Russia Likely to Make Some Changes in Her Position—War Spirit at Tokio.

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily Mail Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the note to Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, in response to Russia's reply to the claims of Japan, had a paragraph to the effect that only two weeks would be allowed for an answer. This period expires Jan. 7.

Reports Are Very Contradictory.

But The Daily Mail's report finds no confirmation from any quarter and is probably a revival of an old rumor. Special cablegrams from the Far East printed in this morning's newspapers reiterate the reports of alleged war preparations, but as Japanese securities yesterday recovered the lost values it is evident that little importance is attached to these rumors in financial quarters. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Shanghai gives the names of six steamers which Japan has chartered for the conveyance of supplies, and says that the sixth army division, now at the garrison city of Kumamoto, is awaiting orders to proceed to Korea.

Considering a Reply to Japan.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Russian government is still considering the reply of the Japanese government to its note which was sent in answer to Japan's demands relating to the situation in the Far East. A reconsideration of the proposals made in the Russian note is considered as a matter of course here. Russia has never been disposed to take any step which would lead to an abrupt termination of the negotiations with Japan.

Hopes to Give Satisfaction.

In answer to many inquiries made by the Associated Press the Russian foreign office has always insisted that the Russian proposals were so liberal that it would be scarcely probable to conceive any further concessions. While the foreign office is unwilling to admit that Russia is prepared to offer more than the concessions outlined in the last note it is considered possible that the government may suggest changes by which the Russian requirements may be met and satisfaction given to Japan.

JAPS ARE READY FOR A SCRAP

Ex-Members of the Mikado's Cabinet Tell Their Views at a Banquet.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—At a dinner given by the Oriental association ex-Foreign Minister Kato, who presided, said he deeply regretted that the people had not been taken into the confidence of the government regarding the position of affairs between Japan and Russia. Nevertheless, he said, should the emperor declare war the nation would be found ready to give him unanimous support.

Count Okuma, the ex-premier, said he agreed with the view expressed by Kato, and he thought it was now high time to let the people know the actual position occupied by the government. He also declared that not only a feeling of chivalry but a desire for self-preservation required that Japan should buttress the integrity of China. Both speakers thought that the situation had reached an extremely critical stage.

And Bullets Are Made of Lead.

London, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of The Daily Mail at Sydney, N. S. W., cables that the Japanese government has placed orders for large quantities of pig lead with New South Wales concerns.

Lucky It Was No Worse.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 26.—Eleven passengers were more or less injured by the collision of a west-bound Clover Leaf passenger train loaded with Christmas passengers and a Panhandle freight engine at a crossing here. The more seriously injured are: Anna Lutz, Decatur, Ind., chest crushed, unconscious; Mrs. Jessie Brown, Marion, Ind., face and head cut; Mrs. Sydney Bryant and 6-year-old child, heads bruised and arms cut; John Sanders, colored, Marion, Ind., head cut and body bruised.

Higher Tariff for Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 26.—The senate has directed the finance committee to report next Monday a bill increasing by 25 per cent. the present tariff on all imports except in the case of raw materials. This is to offset the reduction of duty on United States products provided for in the reciprocity treaty.

Joshua Levering's Tour of the World.

New York, Dec. 26. — Among the passengers by the Cedric was Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, who was the Prohibition candidate for president when McKinley and Bryan ran and who is returning here from a tour of the world, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Greatest Gusher in Texas.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 26.—Parafine well No. 3, at Batson Prairie, the new oil field, which was being baled, broke loose, and with a roar that shook the earth began spouting oil 200 feet in the air and hurling stones 600 feet.

CHRISTMAS WAS AS USUAL

Hungry Were Fed and the Day Was and Outlet for Much Human Charity.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Christmas has come and gone and with it a wealth of human charity has been developed. What was done in this city is a fair representation of what was done elsewhere. Assuming that there are 2,000,000 persons here it is believed that not more than 100,000 were unable to make merry. These 100,000 were taken care of by the churches, the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America, and by innumerable individuals, who knew the wants of some one or two families and supplied them.

Of course the churches kept the day with praise and prayer. The banks here and the other financial institutions were liberal with their employes; such things as a gift of 5 per cent. of the employe's salary were quite common. Then salaries were raised and other gifts given freely. Altogether Chicago went to bed at night full of good things both mental and physical. There was a percentage that was too full.

SHAKES WIDELY SEPARATED

Earthquakes Reported at Los Angeles, Cal., and in the St. Lawrence Valley in New York.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 26. — A distinct earthquake shock was felt throughout this city. Telephone reports show that it was noticed all through St. Lawrence county, being severest along the St. Lawrence valley. Buildings trembled violently at Madrid, sixteen miles east of here. The earthquake was accompanied by a noise resembling thunder, which was sufficiently loud to awaken people. It occurred in the morning.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26. — A severe earthquake shock, lasting about eight seconds, occurred here. The big buildings in the business center swayed for an instant as though they would fall, and people rushed into the streets, thinking some explosion had occurred. No damage is reported. The shock was at 9:45 a. m.

CARICATURE OF CHRISTMAS

Quarrel Over Presents Sets a Young Degenerate Going with a Revolver with Fatal Effect.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—William Kauffman, nephew of George Kauffman, shot and fatally injured his cousin, Rosa Kauffman, and wounded his aunt, Mrs. Rega Kauffman, in the shoulder, in a quarrel over Christmas presents.

Kauffman declared that his uncle had not given him a proper number of Christmas presents, and attempted to shoot him. The women endeavored to act as peacemakers, and Kauffman shot them both. He made his escape and has not been arrested.

ZERO WEATHER AT ST. LOUIS

Together with a Wind That Does $75,000 Damage at One Place, with More Elsewhere.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Almost zero weather prevails in St. Louis and vicinity. This fall in temperature was accompanied by a high wind, and at its height portions of the walls of the partly completed $1,000,000 Buckingham hotel, at West Pine and King's Highway, were blown down, causing damage estimated at $75,000.

On the World's fair grounds nearby considerable damage resulted from the wind, which blew down scaffolds and wrecked some temporary structures.

Harry New Doesn't Aspire.

Detroit, Dec. 26.—Harry S. New, of Indianapolis, was questioned here concerning the report that he is to succeed Perry Heath as secretary of the national Republican committee. He replied: "Mr. Heath will remain the secretary of the committee until that body is dissolved by the election of the new committee. I have no ambition to become secretary of the national committee and my name was used without my consent."

Bishop Potter Laid Up.

New York Dec. 26.—Bishop Potter was getting into his carriage in front of his office last Tuesday morning when he slipped and fell. He was burdened with a great pile of books at the time and the fall strained several ligaments in his leg. He could not officiate at the Christmas services.

Fuller Company Joins the Union.

New York, Dec. 26.—The George A. Fuller Construction company, through President S. P. McConnell, has applied for membership in the Building Trades Employers' association. The application has been accepted. This company has heretofore been a fortress for organized labor.

Two Pen Sketches of Dante.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Professor Giovanni Livi, director of the state archives at Bologna, which town is the principal center of Dante's fame, has found a parchment dated 1323 on which are two pen sketches representing Dante crowned by Bologna.

Arbitration Treaty Signed.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The treaty of arbitration between France and Italy has been signed by Foreign Minister Delcasse and Signor Tornielli, Italian Ambassador here. The treaty is identical with that between France and Great Britain.

Brooded Until He Committed Crime.

Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Brooding over his inability to purchase suitable Christmas gifts for his motherless children Joseph Phillips, a Hollowville farmer, murdered the children and then hanged himself in a neighborhood barn.

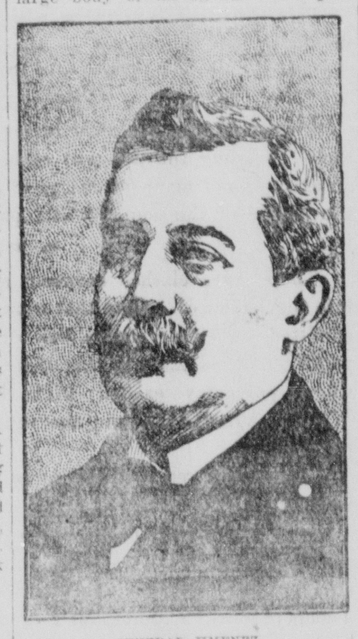
JIMINEZ IS MARCHING

Head of the Latest Dominican Revolution Expected Before the Capital Soon.

PEOPLE SEEM TO BE WITH HIM

But Business Is in a Bad Way—Panama People Rejoice Over England's Recognition.

San Domingo, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the insurgents headed by General Jiminez are marching on this city. It is rumored that the greater part of the republic is now under arms in favor of General Jiminez, the former president, who is said to be marching on this city at the head of a large body of insurgents. The provisional government is making active preparations for defense. San Pedro de Macoris has declared in favor of the insurgents. The situation here is becoming extremely critical, though the city is quiet in expectation of events.



GENERAL JIMENEZ.

Business Is Much Depressed.

There is great depression in business circles as the result of the constant disturbances of the financial situation. The financial condition of the government is very bad, owing to the fact that the duties were mortgaged in advance by the government of President Wos y Gil. The United States cruiser Panther and the gunboat Newport have arrived in port. The German cruisers Vineta and Gazelle also arrived. The Dutch warship De Ruyter has been sighted.

Quite Otherwise in Colon.

Colon, Dec. 26.—Colon just now is in a state of joyful excitement following upon the news that the British government has recognized the republic of Panama. This news, which was conveyed by the British consul at Panama to the junta, was received here later and immediately circulated. The foreign population of Colon is largely composed of natives of Great Britain, and the Britishers joined the natives in their jubilation.

Told 'Em to Turn Loose.

Senor Porforio Melendez, the civil and military governor of Colon, gave permission to the inhabitants to celebrate the event without restriction, and full advantage was taken of this permission. At 8 p. m. Governor Melendez, accompanied by a band and a military escort, together with a great crowd of the inhabitants, assembled in front of the British consulate, where the band played old English airs and the crowd cheered most enthusiastically. A torchlight procession was afterwards formed, the crowd marching through the streets singing: "God Save the King." This sentiment "God Save the King" is heard everywhere.

RECEPTION OF ENVOY BUCHANAN

Is Most Enthusiastic, All the Dignitaries in Panama Taking Part.

Panama, Dec. 26.—W. I. Buchanan, United States minister to the republic of Panama, has presented his credentials to the provisional government. His reception was most enthusiastic. He was met at the palace by a guard of honor and by all the dignitaries of the new republic now in Panama. In presenting his credentials Minister Buchanan said:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by President Roosevelt and profoundly grateful for the opportunity I am afforded of meeting your excellencies and the people of Panama. * * * The advent and future development of this new nation is the subject of keen and kindly interest on the part of the people of the United States * * * I am charged by President Roosevelt to express his fervent wish that these benefits shall come to the republic of Panama and that happiness and contentment shall abide with your excellencies and your people."

Senor Jose Augustin Arango, president of the junta, replied to Minister Buchanan's address. He said that the provisional government had received with great satisfaction President Roosevelt's letter recognizing Panama as a special envoy to the republic of Panama, which was "a proof of the spirit of justice which animates the great people of the north, for whom the people of Panama have the best wishes."

Senor Arango said that the junta considered the selection for minister of a man of Buchanan's attainments to be good omen, and he believed that the new minister would succeed in bringing still closer the ties of friendship which now united the two republics.

JUST A WAR PRECAUTION

In Case We Need Them the Transports Will Be Ready for Work.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Orders have been received from Washington by local transport officials to get the troop ships Sherman and Newport in readiness for service immediately. The transport officials maintain secrecy as to the orders received and refuse to divulge the intended destination of the vessels. It is generally believed, however, that it is the intention to have the troopships in readiness for any movement towards Panama.

Washington, Dec. 26.—War department officials admit that the transports Sherman, Buford and Crook, now at San Francisco, are being made ready for sea. Primarily these vessels are intended for the Manila service, but officials make no concealment of the fact that they want to be ready for any emergency which may arise, and should the government desire to use any of them for the transportation of troops to Panama the ships will be available for that purpose.

Still, the positive assertion is made that no orders have been received by the quartermaster's office with this end in view; it is simply, it is stated, a case of being prepared if the occasion arises.

Will Bring Beaupre from Cartagena.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The cruiser Olympia, Admiral Coghlan's flagship, has been selected to bring Minister Beaupre from Cartagena to Colon where the minister will take a passenger steamer for New York. At his request the Colombian government furnished Beaupre an armed escort from Bogota to Cartagena.

They Bade the Marines Good-Bye.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Thousands of persons at the south terminal station cheered the company of marines which left for Philadelphia, from which city the men will sail Monday on the U. S. S. Dixie as a portion of the marine battalion which will go to Panama with General Elliott.

COULD AFFORD TO SPEND

His Money Came Easy and He "Blew It in" Rapidly Arrest of a Forger.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Armed with a loaded revolver a man giving the name of C. M. McMichael, and his address as Kamloops, B. C., has been arrested here on the charge of passing forged Canadian and United States express money orders, several of which he had succeeded in having cashed. Each called for $47.50 and purported to have been issued from the London, Ont., office.

McMichael came here last Sunday from Boston. He put up at one of the best hotels and attracted attention by his liberal expenditures.

Fed the Poor at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Christmas dinners were dispensed to thousands of poor at the Coliseum, where tables covering the entire floor of the vast area were set with turkey and its accompaniments. In addition baskets containing materials for Christmas dinners were sent to the homes of as many more destitute families.

Might Have Cost $500,000.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Fire in the large department store of B. Lowenstein & Bros., on Main street, between Jefferson and Court, caused damage approximated at from $100,000 to $150,000, fully insured. The fire was in the retail branch of the company, where a stock of goods of almost $500,000 is carried.

President Dines Some Friends.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The president and Mrs. Roosevelt had a few personal friends with them at dinner at the White House Christmas. The British ambassador and Lady Durand, and their daughter, celebrated their first Washington Christmas by entertaining the embassy staff at dinner.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

More specifications for patents and trade marks were printed in the Patent Office Gazette this year than in any previous year.

The Dreyfus decision has created very little excitement in France.

Rudolph McCummings, a Janesville, Wis., young man, denies that he has been Shanghaied, as was reported.

Deputy Sheriff L. R. May shot and killed Lee Lewis at Powell's Station, Tenn.; result of an old grudge.

Fire at St. Paul burned two six-story blocks, causing a loss of $200,000, partly insured.

Andrew Carnegie has given Park Rapids, Minn., a library under his usual conditions.

A symposium of Christmas views by prominent men includes a doubt by Sir William Ramsay that science makes the world better.

A hold-up of Berry's candy store at Chicago was attempted at 11:30 p. m. by two armed robbers in a crowd of shoppers. The thugs failed.

Reports show that 154,808 cars have been built in the United States during the year 1903, 153,195 for domestic use.

After nearly two weeks' work only one juror has been selected for the Idaho Springs, Colo., dynamiting case.

IS WORTH A MILLION

One Veto by Gov. Yates, Provided the State Attorney General Thinks That Way.

CUTS OFF THAT MUCH TAXES

Romance That Sprang from the Tears of a Reproved School Girl—State Notes.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—The state tax rate has not been fixed by the board composed of the governor, auditor and state treasurer because of a legal question that arose which must be submitted to Attorney General Hamlin for decision. The legislature appropriated $16,000,000. By veto Governor Yates cut $1,000,000 off the appropriations, and now contends that a rate shall be fixed that will raise only the $15,000,000. It is held that the state tax commission must fix a rate which will furnish the whole amount of the appropriations. It is alleged that Attorney General Hamlin has privately given as his opinion that the law provides for the raising of the whole amount. The board will met again next Tuesday.

Temperature Falls Forty-Four Degrees.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—Springfield and vicinity has been visited by a blizzard. A blinding snow fell for half an hour, and the coldest spell of the season followed. The thermometer fell from 40 degrees to 4 below zero at midnight.

Death of Thomas C. Mather.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—Thomas C. Mather, a member of the law firm of Mather & Snigg, is dead at St. John's hospital, where he had been suffering with appendicitis for the past two days. Mather was 60 years old and well known throughout the state as an attorney. He was a large land owner.

INVITES THE LYNCHERS TO CALL

Professor Is Stricken with Love That Culminates in a Christmas Eve Marriage.

Harrisburg, Ill., Dec. 26.—Professor E. Morris and Miss Ethel Cummins were married at the home of the bride's parents here Christmas Eve, and left immediately for the east on an extended wedding tour. Morris is principal of the city schools, and is a man of nearly 40 years, while the bride is scarcely 17, and thereby hangs a tale.

Miss Cummins was one of Professor Morris' pupils here last winter, and one day for some small offense he was compelled to call her to task, and while thus engaged and moved by her tear-stained face he fell desperately in love with her. However, he did not let the fact be known to her until some time after the close of school, and when he pressed his suit his love was reciprocated, and it ended as stated in the happy marriage of the pair.

Icicle Ruined His Hat.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—When a pointed icicle, three feet long, dropped and stabbed Constable Edward Gard's new Derby hat as he was passing the Wellington hotel the constable showed the transfixed hat to the hotel management and asked for reparation. When the management appeared incredulous the constable carried the hat, split by the sliver of ice, to the court of Justice Wolff and began suit for damages. The hat was filed as exhibit A. When representatives of the hotel management appeared in court it was with a check for the price of the hat. The case was dismissed.

Disapproves the Management.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 26.—D. C. Eylar, president of the Manhattan Coal company, of Cornell, Livingston county, has filed a bill in the circuit court for a receiver of the company. He alleges that the management of the business affairs of the company under C. A. Denham, who is secretary of the company and manager of the mine, is not satisfactory. Eylar alleges that he has been compelled to bear the brunt of the financial obligations.

Christmas Gift to Evanston.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The advent of Christmas in Evanston finds four residents of that suburb the central figures in a marriage of but thirty-eight days, a separate maintenance suit, a $15,000 damage suit for alleged alienation of affections and the story of a shattered home where a woman expected a kind and affectionate husband and a happy Christmas dinner.

Retired Merchant Disappears.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Alonzo Weston 55 years old, a retired merchant, left the home of a relative at 2604 Fulton street to go to the Chicago and North western station to meet his wife. He has not since been seen, and the police have been asked to search for him. He had $500 in his possession.

It Hits East St. Louis, Too.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 26. — A general strike of livery stable drivers is threatened if demands for higher wages are not granted by Jan. 1. The employers have taken the demands under consideration and it is believed the increase will be granted.

Pays His Board in Jail.

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 26.—Because William Keppler, of North Chicago, refused to pay the $500 which the jury last week said he should pay to Maud Eatinger, of Volo, for using slander about her, the woman has had him lodged in jail and is paying his board to keep him there.

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A Family Reunion.

A family reunion was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Ayres at No. 737 North Ottawa avenue. At the Christmas dinner which was served at 1:30 p. m. there were twenty-one persons. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ayres and family, Mr. and Mrs. D M. Rossiter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George McWethy and family, Mrs. Minerva Ayres and son Frank S., and Miss Ruby Schmucker.

Ice Troubles Rock Island.

Gorging ice in the Missippi river below Rock Island caused a rise of the river there which reduced the head of the water power at the United States arsnel at Rock Island so low as to throw 1,000 men out of work until the gorge breaks, or until arrangements can be made to run the arsnel shops by steam power. Much apprehension on account of the high water is felt in that city.

Meeting of the Phidians.

The Phidian Art Club will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 29th, with Mrs. H. R. Bartlett, 231 Fellows street. "Black Hawk and the Indian War" will be the subject of the principal paper, which will be given by Mrs. J. B. Dille. "Current Topics" will be treated by Mesdames McCleary, Cumins and E. A. Sickles. There will be good music, and a full attendance of members is desired.

Herod's Temple.

Ira W. Lewis, will erect his model of Herod's Temple at Jerusalem. in the Methodist church tomorrow morning, and deliver a descriptive lecture on the same. This will be repeated during the Sunday school hour, from 12 to 1 o'clock. All teachers and others interested are especially invited.

An Unhappy Christmas.

The one spent by Thos. Bryant of Rockford, an employe of the Loucks Cafe in Rockford, who on Thursday noon, fell while carrying a pail of hot lye, spilling it all over his head and chest. He will recover, but for some days will be in great pain, and will probably be permanently disfigured.

Spending Honeymoon in Dixon.

On Thursday at Genoa Miss Ruby Pierce and Frank Williams were united in marriage. They came to Dixon yesterday and are visiting at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. J. Cook. After a week's stay they will return to Genoa and will go to housekeeping.

Freight House on New Site.

Morris & Son of this city, house movers, have nearly completed their work at Mendota, where they moved the brick freight house of the Illinois Central across the tracks to a new site. The building is now blocked up on the new location.

Epworth League Prayer Meeting.

The Epworth League prayer meeting at a quarter before ten tomorrow morning, will be held in the upstairs class room of the M. E. church and will be led by Miss Ella Kelsey.

Broke His Right Leg.

Yesterday about noon time Michael Hanrahan slipped on the icy sidewalk on Seventh street near Depot avenue and in the resuling fall a bone in his right leg was broken. Dr. Hunt reduced the fracture.

Left Wrist Broken.

A thin coating of snow on an unsuspected icy spot caused a severe fall for Ned Stroup near the hospital yesterday afternoon. Dr. C. C. Kost set the bone which was broken in Ned's left wrist.

After a Christmas Box.

Burglars entered the home of A. E. Davis at Rockford on Christmas Eve., while the family were shopping, and carried away a dress suit, besides jewelry and silver-ware.

Froze a Dog.

The sudden cold of last night was sufficient to freeze a black dog on Seventh street. The dead body of the animal lies near the sidewalk in front of the red brick school house.

—Mrs. L. E. Bonner is spending the holidays with Chicago relatives.

POLYGAMY BEFORE DIVORCE.....



By Ex-Congressman W. BOURKE COCKRAN

THERE is one thing which among the influences of today disturbs me more than any other, the proper solution of the problems which surround the marriage ties. The state is composed of families, and as the family is the unit in the state WE MUST PROTECT THE FAMILY. If a man takes a woman to be his wife he should never be allowed to put her from him.

The Christian faith rests with the family. It is equally true that a woman should not be allowed to divorce her husband, but the prevailing feeling is that WHAT A MAN CAN DO A WOMAN OUGHT TO BE ALLOWED TO DO.

Polygamy with whatever terror attends it has no terror to equal those attending the constant abuse of the divorce laws. We had an example not many years ago of the national detestation in which the people of the country held polygamy.

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There were clashes between several states over the admission into the Union of a state that catered to polygamy. That state was admitted, its representative was sent to congress, and when a newspaper published the fact that that representative came from a state where polygamy existed THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION WERE AROUSED, and the representative was sent back to his people.

IF WE ARE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN DIVORCES AND POLYGAMY, GIVE US POLYGAMY.

It is an amusing phase of the law which sends a man scouting over two or three states seeking a legal residence on which to base an action for divorce. The situation is this: One state, having given a man permission to commit a crime in another state, also GIVES HIM PERMISSION TO COMMIT SIMILAR CRIMES IN OTHER STATES.

LOOK FOR RETIREMENT

An Honorable Discharge to Be Given Several Faithful Employes of Northwestern.

WILL GO ON THE PENSION ROLL

Lawrence Gagin, Engineer of Sterling Passenger, and John Burns.

During the past few days there has been considerable talk among the railway men of the Northwestern concerning the rumor that a number of the oldest enginemen on that line would be retired and placed on the pension rolls of the company Jan. 1, 1904. Among those mentioned as having faithfully served the company till they had attained the age set by the company as the time for an honorable discharge are Lawrence Gagin, the engineman of the Sterling passenger train, and John Burns, the capable and careful man who holds the throttle at the head of trains No. 11 and 4 between Chicago and Clinton.

These men have both been long in the service and are still considered among the best engine drivers on the system. Indeed, it is said of Mr. Gagin, that he is still the only man who can take the Sterling passenger train through promptly on time. He has been in the cab as engineman since Oct. 11, 1860, or forty-three years ago last October. He has been running between Sterling and Chicago ever since the road was built between the two places and has never had a serious accident during his long time of service. It has come to be understood by the traveling public that if Larry Gagin is at the throttle there is no danger of an accident.

Mr. Gagin this afternoon said that he had not yet received any official notification of his coming retirement, but that he will not feel bad when it comes, as he thinks he has had about enough of railroading. He says, however, that he feels asiable to run his train now as he ever did and that he thinks he can run an engine as good as the next one even though he is somewhat advanced in years. When he took his first engine on this run it had a cylinder fifteen by twenty-four inches and stood a pressure of 130 pounds of steam. The cylinder on his engine now is nineteen by twenty-four inches and stands a pressure of 160 pounds. If Mr. Gagin finishes his term of service without an accident he will have made a world's record as a careful engineman.

—Mrs. E. C. Sickles came hom yesterday from a visit of two months in Milwaukee.

—Henry Murpby today returned to his work as a Northwestern station agent in a Chicago suburb after a visit with his parents on Highland avenue.

NETS ARE CONDEMNED

By County Judge R. H. Scott---Captured Near Amboy.

In the county court Thursday afternoon Judge R. H. Scott condemned as illegal two 30-foot nets captured near Amboy last June. They were turned over to Sheriff Wohnke, who will destroy them twenty days after court adjourns, making a report as to the works. The nets were taken from Lafayette Nellis, Martin Wigum, Gus Jeanguenat and Louis Henry, who were seining in Green river, by Constable A. A. Virgil of Amboy and Game Warden C. W. Ross. The men paid their fines and the nets were kept until the present session of the county court.

STERLING MAN KILLED

By a Fall on the Icy Sidewalk There Last Night.

At Sterling last night about 8 o'clock Edward Holland sustained a fall in front of Arteburn's restaurant on the icy sidewalk, striking heavily on the back of his head. He was picked up by two policemen and taken to the city hall where he died two hours later. The physician in charge found that the base of the skull was fractured. Holland was 73 years of age and was at one time car repairer for the C. & N. W. in that city, a position he held twenty-six years. He was well known in this city.

SERVICE AND SUPPER.

For the Choir and Sunday School of St. Luke's Church Monday.

On Monday, Holy Innocents' day, services appropriate to the occasion will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal church by the rector the Rev. John Mark Ericsson. The service will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and will be followed by the annual supper for the choir and the members of the Sunday school. A Christmas tree will be a feature of the evening during the supper. The public is invited.

Antique Jeweler's Lathes.

Jacob W. Oller has at the hardware store of his son two old-time watchmaker's lathes, One is a brass Swiss lathe somewhat simular to those now in use by the trade. The other, also of brass, is more antique and known as a jaket lathe and power is obtained with a bowstring of horsehair. Mr. Oller learned the watchmaker's trade at Philadelphia and worked at it forty years. The last thirty-four years were spent at Ashton which he left three years ago.

—Harry Edwards and John Davies drove to Polo yesterday to attend a dance.

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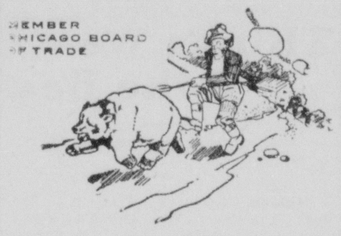
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If Augustus Thomas is given time he is likely to give to every state in the Union the dignity of personal portraiture of its costumes and people in a stage-told story. Following up his earliest success, "Alabama," which was announced at the time as "the greatest American play," came "In Missouri," that excellent comedy-drama in which Nat Goodwin added so conspicuously to his artistic laurels. "Arizona," is said



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to be better from an artistic standpoint than either of his previous efforts, and the title indicates the locals and suggests the people and the subject matter of the story. "Arizona" is not a melo-drama, has shown that amidst the crude surroundings of frontier army posts and cattle ranches, human hearts and human emotions are as tender, as loyal, as responsive, as they are to be found in more favored localities. The play, as will be remembered, introduces Uncle Sam's cavalry men, the picturesque vaqueros of the western ranges, and, of course, some delightful types of far west womanhood. The author has supervised the staging himself, of the play, and in the incidental features of the work he has had the valuable expert assistance of Frederick Remington, the incomparable pictorial delineator of western scenes and characters. "Arizona" will be presented again at the opera house next Tuesday night.

Dixon Club Dance.

The Christmas dance party held at the Dixon club rooms last evening was greatly enjoyed. About forty couples were present, among them being a number of out-of-town guests. The music by Prof. W. G. Kent's orchestra was excellent and many encores were accorded.

Her Makeshift Rivets.

The following sequel to a naval launch in England was not communicated to the press: Some years ago a ship which was to be christened by an illustrious personage got behind in construction. The personage was sure to be ready in time and could not be put off, but not so the ship. As a last resort some portions of the superstructure were partly made fast with leaden rivets in place of steel ones, the launch took place, and the situation was saved. When the vessel came to be completed for sea no one remembered about the rivets, and after a coat or two of paint they looked for all the world like the real article and behaved like it until the ship got into a heavy sea, and the process known to Mr. Kipling as "finding herself" began. It was then discovered that a "defect in machinery" or other euphonism necessitated a hurried return to a dockyard, where matters were hastily put right —London Truth.

An Odd Spanish Custom.

An odd custom in Madrid is the manner of indicating the sleeping rooms of a house by a spray of palm leaves attached to the railing of the balcony. You will see palm leaves hanging to the balconies of nearly all the residences in town, those of the poor as well as the rich. A sheet of white paper tied to the iron railing means that the room is for rent; a palm leaf means that it is the sleeping chamber of a pious Catholic who brought it home from church on the last Palm Sunday and placed it there to keep away evil spirits, diseases and misfortunes. It remains there the entire year until the next anniversary, when a new palm, fresh from the blessing of the priest, is substituted.

Case Continued.

The case of the People vs Eugene Pool, disorderly conduct, was Thursday afternoon continued until Wednesday.

—Attorney Don Grover is here from Chicago.

—Henry McMaster returned today from a visit at Polo.

—Jacob Gaulrapp returned this morning from a visit at Sterling.

—Miss Phonsie Murphy is home from a visit with relatives at Peoria.

—Messrs. Powell and Corrigan of Chicago were guests of Dixon friends yesterday.

—The Peoria Avenue reading club will meet with Mrs. C. G. Smith, Monday afternoon at half past two.

—Miss Elsie Day's dancing school will be held as usual at the G. G. Rosbrook hall on Monday evening.

ENTER ON SECOND SERIES

The Billiard Tournament Is Weeding Out the Players.

The billiard tournament at the Dixon club rooms has now passed into the second series. On Thursday afternoon and evening and Christmas day the following games completing the first series were played:

J. T. Davies 75-75; E. E. Reynolds 70-65.

A. Doolittle 75-75; W. F. Strong 55-48.

Clyde Smith 75-75; J. W. Stephens 70-58.

The following games have been played in the second series:

Frank Philpott 70-70; W. C. Jones 70-69.

Ernest Farrand 55-55; W. B. Merriman 55-33.

Chas. E. Chandler 55-55; G. S. Beal 75-66.

Clyde Smith 75-75; John Hartman 55-35.

The game scheduled for tonight is: H. Reynolds 75; Will Schuler 80.

For Monday night:

A. C. Dollmyer 85; R. C. Bovey 50.

C. H. Bokhof 86; J. T. Davies 75.

Frank Messer 85; A. Doolittle 75.

D. Thronson 85, Chas. Leake 85.

F. E. Morris 110, E. B. Owens 75.

Wm. Rink 55, H. A. White 70.

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The grouse has a hundred tricks of defense, says Outing. It will lie still until the hunter is within a yard of it, then soar straight upward in his front, towering like a woodcock; again, it will rise forty yards away, and the sound of its wings is his only notice of its presence. It will cower upon a branch under which he passes, and his cap will not be more than a foot below it as he goes, and, though it has seen him approaching, it will remain quiescent in frightful fear until his back is turned. It will rush then, and when he has slewed himself hurriedly around he will catch only a glimpse of a brown, broad wing far away.

Wounded and falling in the open, it will be found—if it is found at all—with the telltale speckles of its breast against the trunk of some brown tree against which its feathers are indistinguishable, and the black ruff about the neck of the male will be laid against the darkest spot of the bark. Often it will double like a fox; often as man draws near it will spring noiselessly into some spruce and hide until he passes, dropping then to the ground and continuing its feeding; often, too, it will decline to take wing, though unhurt, and will run fast for half a mile—so fast that the most expert woodsman will be unable to keep pace with it. This it will only do on leafy ground and never when snow would betray its tracks.

Origin of Commonplace Phrases.

Expressions that we use nowadays metaphorically were used in their real sense in bygone days. For instance, we speak about "beating a retreat," forgetting perhaps that the phrase comes from the fact that in war time when a retreat was ordered the drums were beaten in a particular manner, just as today it is sounded on the bugle. Then again one speaks of going off "bag and baggage." How many know what the "baggage" was? The general idea is that it was part of the soldier's kit. In point of fact the "bag" was originally the soldier's haversack; the "baggage" was his wife. The familiar phrase "to give the cold shoulder" originated in France, where it was the custom to serve with cold shoulder of mutton instead of hot meat a guest who had outstayed his welcome. "A feather in his cap" comes from Hungary, it being formerly the custom for the Hungarians to put a feather in their caps for every Turk they killed. The word "deadhead" is, according to some authorities, one of great antiquity. It is said that a "deadhead" was in Pompeii an individual who gained admission to an entertainment free of charge by means of a pass in the form of a small ivory death's head.

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Doctor Explains the Cause of the Deaths of the Victims of the Baltimore and Ohio Crash.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Dr. Thomas B. Mehard, who assisted in rescue work at the wreck and attended many of the injured, gave a scientific medical version of the cause of the deaths. He said: "Aside from the engineer and fireman, who died from crushing violence, the death of all the others was due to the inhalation of superheated steam, thus causing an edema of the larynx and interfering with respiration, death resulting from the want of oxygen. In other words the victims died of air starvation.

"The word edema practically means an escape of the watery element of the blood in the surrounding tissues, thus causing pressure on the opening from the lungs to the throat in the place where the vocal cords are attached. This change in the vocal cords and larynx, practically a scalding or cooking, caused the alteration in voice sounds emitted by those who had inhaled the deadly steam. This death is one of the most horrible known to medical science."

KUHN WILL NOT BE MISSED

Jealous Savage Who Tried to Kill a Woman Who Did Not Love Him.

Minneapolis, Dec. 26.—Crazed by the long continued use of strong drink, and angered because the affection which he felt toward his landlady, Mrs. Ida Johnson, was not reciprocated, Gust Kuhn attempted to take her life, and killed himself by cutting his throat. Mrs. Johnson is janitress of the block at 1327 Washington avenue, north, where the shooting occurred.

Kuhn shot the woman in the breast, but the wound did not prove fatal. Kuhn walked to his own room, and sitting on the side of the bed cut his throat with a large pocket knife, and then stretching out at full length on the bed shot himself twice with a 38 caliber revolver.

FLANK MOVE ON DOWIE

Zion's Children Not To Be Allowed in Public School Unless They Are Vaccinated.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—All children of Dowieites will be excluded from the public schools of Chicago, Jan. 4, by order of the health department. The general overseer of Zion and his followers believe, like the Christian Scientists, that vaccination does not prevent smallpox. The health department has decided that all children shall be vaccinated or be debarred from the public schools.

The Zion children will be segregated by requiring all pupils to present certificates of vaccination. The names and addresses of all children who fail to comply with the order will be forwarded to the health department.

Fatal Crash in a Snow Storm.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—During a heavy snow storm a suburban train on the Pennsylvania road crashed into the rear of a freight train of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road at Fifty-fourth street. James Dooley, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania train, was fatally hurt.

Another of Those Parricides.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 26.—Bert Barron, aged 17, shot and killed his father, Mat E. Barron, a miner, here while protecting his mother from an assault. The elder Barron was intoxicated. Young Barron, who is under arrest says the shooting was accidental.

Hanna at Home in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26. — Senator Hanna, who was taken ill several days ago in New York, and who has arrived home on a private car, is reported to be feeling much better. The senator is able to be about his home and receives a number of callers.

Chicago Is Not Slighted.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A severe snow storm followed by a cold wave visited Chicago. The snow fell to about 3½ inches in depth, and drifted badly in the outskirts. The temperature here this morning is 10 below zero.

Carlisle Indians Win the Game.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Superior team work and an abundance of tricky plays, coupled with more thorough training gave the Carlisle Indian foot ball team a decisive victory over the all-California eleven—23 to 0.

Bryan Talks to a Crown Prince.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 26. — William Jennings Bryan has arrived here. He was immediately granted an audience with Crown Prince Fredrik, with whom he had a long interview. Bryan later left for Berlin.

No Hope for Zanardelli.

Rome, Dec. 26.—The condition of ex-Premier Zanardelli is extremely grave. His doctors announce the existence of a tumor in the stomach and add that they have given up all hope of their patient's recovery.

Spirited Away from the Mob.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 26.—Threats of mob violence having become pronounced during the past two days nine negroes charged with murder have been spirited away to Madisonville for safe-keeping.

Cavalry Clears the Streets.

Lyons, France, Dec. 26. — Labor demonstrations here resulted in disturbances which made it necessary for the cavalry to clear the streets.

No Market Report.

Chicago, Dec. 25. — Today being Christmas the exchanges are all closed and there is no market report.

CAN YOU WHISTLE?

If You Can You Need Never Suffer From Dyspepsia.

When the throes of indigestion and the qualms of dyspepsia are making your life miserable just purse the lips and whistle a brisk, merry tune—not a muffled, doleful, half hearted whistle, but a whistle so deep and voluminous that the whole house will be filled with the sound.

Don't be afraid somebody will hear you. Let them hear you. It will do them good. It will enliven and cheer them while it cures you.

Indigestion and dyspepsia always make one feel gloomy and depressed and morbid and blue. Everything seems to go wrong, and doubtless you won't feel one bit like whistling. But no matter; whistle anyhow.

If possible go out in the fresh air and do your whistling. If you can't go outdoors just open the window wide and whistle with all your might. Any old tune will do, so you put life and vigor into it.

Whistle, whistle, whistle! Keep it going. Don't get tired. Go on with all your might. Harder, harder!

The first thing you know the stomach will have righted itself, the liver will be working good and strong, the blood will be bounding through your veins, your brain will be clear and vigorous, and you will feel twenty years younger.—Medical Talk.

False Hair.

Wearing false hair is a very widespread custom. In the language of the tradesman, hair grown on the heads of northern nations is the most valuable both because of its superior fineness and gloss and its color. Germany and Sweden provide the most valuable hair, especially if it be golden blond, which is of the finest texture and of a color impossible to obtain by artificial dyes. Italy and other southern nations produce only coarser and less costly varieties. Most precious of all, however, is hair of a true silver gray color, which in sufficiently long plaits is almost impossible to procure, chiefly from the fact that its very rarity causes those women lucky enough to possess it to refuse to part with it. The most constant supply of human hair for the world's market, however, comes from the peasant girls in countries such as Russia and Galicia, where immediately after marriage a headddess is assumed which makes the lack of its natural covering unnoticeable. In Bohemia, Moravia and Galicia there are regular hair markets to which the women take their hair for sale.

Wonderful Hats.

Abraham Lincoln was a man whose keen wit and pleasing humor extricated him from many an embarrassing situation. On one occasion he was presented with two fine hats, each by a different hatmaker, neither knowing that the other had made such a contribution. In the course of events they called upon the president, and it so happened that both called at the same time.

When both found themselves in the presence of the executive they asked how he had liked the hats they had sent him, and, taking advantage of the opportunity of securing a statement of superiority of one or the other make, the president was asked to state his preference.

To many men such a question would be very embarrassing, but to Lincoln not at all. He took the hats, one in each hand, and then replied gravely, but with a mischievous twinkle in his keen eyes:

"Gentlemen, your hats do mutually surpass each other!"

The Bank of England's Museum.

The Bank of England has a curious museum, in which the principal exhibits are its own notes.

Among them is a note for a penny, which was issued by mistake and bought back by the bank for $25. Another is a note for £1,000,000.

A third is a bank note which was found inside a codfish caught off the Newfoundland banks, and a fourth is a note which was in circulation for over a century and a half before it was presented for payment.

There are many forged notes in the museum, their value aggregating many millions of dollars, and there are also some notes which were recovered by divers from the sunken wreck of the British war ship Eurydice.

A Similarity.

"It was one of the most pathetic plays I ever saw," said young Mrs. Torkins.

"I don't see why you go to the matinee if it makes you cry."

"Just because I feel bad is no sign I haven't had a good time, Charley, dear. You know how much you enjoy going to the races and coming back with the blues."—Washington Star.

Posted.

"Now," said the lecturer, "suppose you had been called to see a patient with hysterics—some one, for instance, who had started laughing and found it impossible to stop—what is the first thing you would do?"

"Amputate his funny bone," promptly replied the new student.

Terrible Revenge.

Husband—You don't appear to like Mrs. Sweetie.

Wife—The horrid thing! I hate her! Next time we meet I'll kiss her only once, and I shan't ask after her baby.—Stray Stories.

The Finish.

Flanagan—Phwat did yez do whin McGarry hit yez wid the pick?

Finnegan—Oi done McGarry.—Exchange.

It is love of virtue, not fear of law, that makes civilization.

THE WILY POSSUM.

How the Cunning Animal Leads His Pursuers Astray.

The possum will usually go home by a tree trunk road. Through the open country on the boundaries of his range he trots along without minding his steps. The dogs may have all the fun here with his trail that they can. He intends only that they shall not find his home tree nor even the vicinity of it.

So as he enters his own neighborhood swamp his movements change. The dogs may be hard after him or not. If they are not close behind he knows by long experience that they may be expected and never so far forgets his precious skin as to go straight to his nest tree.

Instead he trots along a boundary fence or in the stream, leaping the crossing logs and coming out likely on the bank opposite his home tree. Farther down he jumps the stream, runs hard toward a big gum and from a dozen feet away takes a flying leap, catching the rough trunk up just out of the reach of the keen nosed dogs. He goes on up a little and leaps again, touching the ground ten feet out, thus leaving a blank of twenty or more feet in his trail.

The stream or fence has puzzled the dogs, but now at the tree they begin to worry. They circle and finally pick up the scent beyond the first gap only to run instantly into a greater blank, one that the widest circling does not cross, for the possum has taken to another tree, out on the limbs of this to still another and on like a squirrel from tree to tree for perhaps a hundred yards, on, it may be, to his own high hollow.—National Magazine.

Thorny Path of the Musician.

It is the bitter truth that fairly good musicians too often find after years of study and expense that it is almost impossible to secure a hearing and that money must go out where it is expected to come in. The debut of a singer not infrequently involves serious outlay, including a paid manager whose duties cover not only such details as the renting of a hall, advertising, purchase of floral tributes, etc., but the drumming up of a "paper" audience as well, and free tickets are not always rewarded by applause or press notices. The greatest check to an artistic career is to become a fad with the so called smart set, whose interest is fleeting and undiscriminating, yet bills must be paid, patronage represents money, and few can resist the temptation to seek it. Finally it is shortsighted policy for a novice to appear side by side with an experienced artist. It may bring financial return, but when an obscure young person makes a first bow to the public, "assisted by" a celebrity, comparison is inevitable.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Deepest Lake.

Lake Baikal, in Siberia, is by far the deepest lake known in the world. It is in every way comparable to the great lakes as regards size, for, while its area is more than 9,000 square miles, making it about equal to Erie in superficial area, its enormous depth of between 4,000 and 4,500 feet makes the volume of its waters almost equal to that of Lake Superior. Although its surface is 1,350 feet above sea level, its bottom is nearly 3,000 feet below it.

The Caspian sea has a depth in its basin of more than 3,000 feet. Lake Maggiore is the same depth, Lake Como nearly 2,000 feet, and Lago de Garda, another Italian lake, has a depth in certain places of 1,900 feet. Lake Constance is more than 1,000 feet deep, and Huron and Michigan reach depths of 900 and 1,000 feet.

His First and Last.

An amusing story is told of Massenet's solitary experience with a gun. It was when he was a Prix de Rome musical student at the Villa Medicis, which has given to the world so many composers. He bought a brand new gun and a beautiful dog, which ran between its new master's legs at the first shot and nearly precipitated a disaster. Somehow Massenet was always late with things that either flew or ran; but, noticing a pike basking near the edge of a pool, he fired at the fish and killed it, afterward returning to Rome with it on the end of his gun, as the local custom is. This was Massenet's first shooting party; it was also his last.

Cherries In Switzerland.

In mediæval times there was no private ownership in cherry trees in Switzerland. They belonged to the community, and there were special regulations as to their picking. At Aitstatten, in the canton of Zurich, this custom was still in vogue early in the last century. At some places a special bell was rung to indicate that the cherries were ripe. Then it was first come first served.

A Sad Experience.

"Did you have a pleasant voyage?"

"No," sighed the beautiful American heiress. "It was one of the saddest experiences of my life. There were two counts and a duke aboard, but the weather was so rough that they never came out of their rooms."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wee Bit Deaf.

Mrs. Newlywed—I made a big batch of these biscuit today.

Mr. Newlywed—You did indeed, dear.

Mrs. Newlywed—How do you know how big a batch I made?

Mr. Newlywed—Oh, I thought you said "biscuit."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Not There.

"Yes," said the star boarder, "I've got an attack of dyspepsia."

"I'm sure you didn't get it here," snapped Mrs. Stintem promptly.

"Certainly not. The doctor said I got it from eating something."—Exchange.

THE GERM THEORY.

De Foe Gave a Hint of It In the Early Eighteenth Century.

De Foe's "Journal of the Plague Year," published in 1722, contains two passages which grope toward bacteriology. De Foe himself pretends to disbelieve the theories. But his way is to seem to doubt what he is really eager to advance.

Having shown that contagion was almost certain in the case of people living in the same house, but often avoidable by segregation and precaution against physical contact, De Foe says:

"This put it out of question to me that the calamity was spread by infection—that is to say, by some certain steams or fumes, which the physicians call effluvia, which effluvia affected the sound who came within certain distances of the sick. Others talk of infection being carried on by the air only by carrying with it vast numbers of insects and invisible creatures, who enter into the body with the breath or even at the pores with the air and there generate or emit most acute poisons or poisonous ova or eggs, which mingle themselves with the blood and so infect the body."

In another place is this passage:

"I have heard it was the opinion of others that it (the disease) might be distinguished by the party's breathing upon a piece of glass, where, the breath condensing, there might living creatures be seen by a microscope of strange, monstrous and frightful shapes, such as dragons, snakes, serpents and devils, horrible to behold. But this I very much question the truth of, and we had no microscopes at the time, as I remember, to make the experiments with."

John Stuart Mill.

Describing his impressions of John Stuart Mill, Sir Leslie Stephen said: "I heard him speak in the house of commons. Instead of an impassive philosopher I saw a slight, frail figure trembling with nervous irritability. He poured out a series of perfectly formed sentences with an extraordinary rapidity suggestive of learning by heart and when he lost the thread of his discourse closed his eyes for two or three minutes till after regaining his composure he could again take up his parable. Although his oratory was defective, he was clearly speaking with intense feeling and was exceedingly sensitive to the reception by his audience. Some of his doctrines were specially irritating to the rows of stolid country gentlemen, who began by listening curiously to so strange an animal as a philosopher and discovered before long that the animal's hide could be pierced by scornful laughter. To Mill they represented crass stupidity, and he became unable either to conceal his contempt or keep his temper."

The Songs That Reach the Heart.

At a time when the fashionable opera was in highest vogue Jenny Lind came to America and achieved her greatest triumph by singing such simple airs as "Comin' Through the Rye." They touched a popular chord, and it vibrated throughout continents. It is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. And just as the simple songs of Burns gave pleasure without militating against the culture of a taste for the higher creations in vocal music, so the enjoyment of the simple melodies which we know as ragtime are harmless and without danger of taking the place of the more elevated style of music. We cannot play tragedy all the time, but must have the melodrama and the farce as the lighter features of the stage. And so in music, literature and art the philosophy applies with the same force.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Assayed.

She had a silvery laugh and golden hair. He had plenty of brass. He knew she was engaged to another man, but believed he could copper the other fellow's bets. But one day he met her on the golf links. Her arms were bronzed and her teeth gleamed as pearls when she smiled at him.

"Your lips," he said, "are like rubies and your eyes are like great diamonds."

"And your nerve," she tittered, "is like steel, but you haven't got enough tin."

It was then that the iron entered his soul. "Alas," he sighed, "she can never be mine!"—Judge.

Baiting a Gossip.

Miss Kidder—They've only been married six months, but whenever her husband goes away on a business trip she's delighted and prepares to have a good time.

Miss Meanley—Aha! Do you know, I suspected something like that. I always said—

Miss Kidder—Yes. You see, he takes her with him.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Regardless of Expense.

"There is a firm which doesn't spare any expense in conducting its business," remarked Straightman.

"I should say they don't," replied Neverpeigh. "They have had a $3 a day man after me for a week to collect a bill I owe them for $2."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Hardships of Begging.

Lady—Begging must be hard.

Tramp—It is, lady. This is the sixth time I have had to eat soup today.—Fliegende Blatter.

Lots of Heroes.

Sillicus—Have you noticed that most heroes are married men?

Cynicus—Sir, every married man is a hero.—New Yorker.

You may not be able to remove a wrinkle, but you may remove a frown and so change your wrinkles into rivulets of laughter.—Schoolmaster.



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HIS WINTON SLOWNESS

By HARRIET G. CANFIELD

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The first Winton that "came over" had incurred the lasting displeasure of the first Albright. I believe he had been slow in paying a debt—at least there was a general impression that "the Winton slowness" was responsible for the feud. Beyond a doubt the present Wintons—father and son—were slow of speech and movement. Mrs. Winton and Sue did not share in "the family failing."

When Amos Albright's wife had died he had persuaded a younger brother to "move in and run the farm"—they were two miles out of town—and Grace, who was then fifteen, was sent east to a young ladies' seminary. During her four years' absence from Highmead her once vivid recollections of the enmity between the Albrights and Wintons grew dim and shadowy. When, on the day following graduation, she was invited to spend a week at a classmate's home it was with no feeling of apprehension that she heard her friend say, "Brother George has asked Jack Winton to come down with him from Harvard, and we shall be quite gay." The Wintons that she knew had a son, but his name was John. This young man proved to be well built, self possessed and clear of skin, and John Winton had been a long, lank, freckled boy, very bashful, she remembered. To be sure there was a certain drawl in her new acquaintance's speech, which reminded her of "that boy," but perhaps all Wintons were slow spoken.

The four young people thoroughly enjoyed the week they spent together, and it was with delight that Jack Winton discovered on the eve of his departure that Miss Albright's destination was the same as his own. "I'm glad that we travel together," he said. "Yes," Grace assented hesitatingly. Jack's face flushed, and he turned to his host with the explanation, "Miss Albright has just recognized an old enemy in your humble servant."

"Oh, no!" Grace protested. "If our fathers are foes we need not be." And she held out her hand to him, with a friendly little gesture.

During the three days' journey westward their friendship progressed rapidly. They were in the midst of one of many animated conversations when Mr. Amos Albright boarded the train at X., a station some thirty miles from Highmead. Grace saw him coming down the aisle.

"There is father," she said hurriedly. "He'll not recognize you, I'm sure! I believe I'll introduce you as Mr. Jack."

When Mr. Albright bent to kiss his daughter's upturned face he looked keenly at the young man beside her. "Mr. Jack, father," Grace murmured and blushed guiltily when the two men shook hands gravely, and Jack offered the newcomer his seat.

"I'll move opposite," he said in his pleasant drawl, "if you don't object." Before they reached Highmead he found himself drawn into the conversation. To his daughter's delight Mr. Albright seemed to enjoy talking with her friend. "Sensible young man!" he said to Grace when Jack went into the smoking car just before the train pulled into Highmead. On the homeward drive he spoke of him again. "I've seldom met a young man," he said, "as intelligent as Mr. Jack. Queer name, isn't it? If my eyes were shut while he was talking I'd declare he was Winton."

"He is, father," Grace confessed. "He is Mr. Jack Winton."

Amos Albright looked at his daughter for a moment in dumb amazement. "I'm sorry," he said at last, "but that settles him."

Jack Winton refused to be thus summarily "settled." The next day he came to call and was received so coldly by his unwilling host that he knew at once that his identity had been revealed.

"Mr. Albright," he said in his deliberate way, "I'm Winton, as you've evidently discovered, but the Wintons are not such a bad lot, after all. Aren't you a bit prejudiced?"

"Not a whit more than your father is," Mr. Albright said stiffly.

"Yes, I know. Mother and Sue hadn't a word to say when I spoke of calling here, but the pater raised a storm—almost forbade me to come. Really, now, what have you against me—the Winton slowness?"

"Yes. I hate a laggard in anything. That's enough to condemn you, sir! My daughter can receive you, if she wishes, whenever you may call, but I must ask you to excuse me now—and always." A chilling request, but Jack went away happy in the thought that Grace still considered him as a friend and had asked him to come again.

In spite of the enmity between the heads of the two houses Mrs. Winton and her daughter were exchanging calls with Grace Albright before the summer waned. Amos Albright still disapproved of Jack, though he could discover nothing objectionable in his conduct. The young man seemed to be an able assistant to his father, who was at the head of a well established business. "Blood will tell," he said to himself, "and the old Winton slowness will crop out some day." When Jack came one evening in October with the not unexpected request for his daughter's hand, he said impressively: "If Grace loves you, and she imagines she does, I will consider your proposal carefully. You may call tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock, and I will let you know my decision."

"Six o'clock!" Jack exclaimed. A look of triumph crossed Mr. Albright's face. "Yes," he said, "but perhaps that is too early for a Winton."

"Not at all," Jack calmly assured him. It was evident that Mr. Albright meant to test him. The idea amused him greatly, and he laughingly related the result of his call to his mother and Sue.

"It's a test, mother," he said, "and a good one too. Nothing short of an earthquake will get me up at 5. I must wake then if I'm to keep my appointment at 6."

"Nonsense!" Sue cried. "There's the old alarm clock. You can set the alarm for 5 and put it at the head of your bed, Jack."

"Just the thing," he said gratefully, "and I'll do it now."

Late in the evening his mother stole into his chamber and set the hands of the little clock forward an hour. "Jack will never notice," she said to herself, "and he dresses so slowly."

After he was asleep Sue tiptoed in. There was no light in the room, but she found the clock and set it an hour ahead of time, as she thought. Neither mother nor daughter knew that the sleeper was doomed to wake at 3 o'clock, but promptly at that hour the alarm sounded. Perhaps Jack can tell the remainder of his love story better than any one else can, and I will give you his account of it:

"I was awake in a moment, and if ever a Winton hustled I did then. I let the old horse have full swing, and we trotted out to the farm in great shape. All the shades were down, and the place was silent as the grave. I rang the bell, and Mr. Albright put his head out of the window. His language wasn't very polite. It was hard work to keep from laughing when he shouted, 'What in thunder do you want?' 'Your daughter,' I shouted back. 'Man alive,' he cried, 'I said 6, and it's only half past 3!' Maybe that didn't surprise me!

"'Perhaps it's too early for an Albright,' I suggested. 'Shall I call later?'

"'No,' he growled; 'I can answer you now. If this is a sample of Winton slowness the stock is improving, and'—

"'And I may have Grace?' I interrupted him.

"'Plague take you!' he cried. 'I suppose so!' Then he closed the window with a bang, and I camped on the porch until Grace came down."

A Caustic Judge.

On one occasion a barrister who was a terribly verbose practitioner discovered that one of the jury trying the case was fast asleep. He forthwith roundly rated those who were still awake for taking so little interest in the case. Interposed the commissioner: "Ye just remind me of a meenester in Ayrshire, who was lecturing his congregation for not coming to kirk and remarked, 'Those of ye who do come are asleep, bar the village idiot,' when a voice said, 'If I'd nae been an idiot I had been asleep too.'"

While generally jocular at the expense of others, the commissioner could appreciate and enjoy a good repartee even at his own expense. Thus on one occasion an advocate with a beard and mustache, which he then hated, appeared before him. "How can I hear you, sir, if you cover up your muzzle like a terrier dog?" he asked. "Well, I had rather be an English terrier than a Scotch cur," was the repiy. The commissioner chuckled and merely remarked, "Get on."

The commissioner's pet theory against giving credit once furnished occasion for a most amusing incident. One day a plaintiff was seeking to recover £13 odd for milk supplied. The commissioner said to a milkman, "I thought every one paid for his pennyworth of milk each day as it was delivered." The plaintiff replied: "Oh no, they don't, your honor. I serve your honor's house with milk, and they have not paid me for two months." The commissioner said: "Ah, well, you'll not supply me any more. You will be watering my milk to make up for this £13 you are going to lose."—From G. Pitt-Lewis' "Commissioner Kerr—An Individuality."

Deeply Injured.

Her eyes were wild, her hair was in disorder, her face was flushed, her hands were clinched. She was a deeply injured and desperate woman.

"Oh, cruel one," she cried in anguished tones, "I have borne with you too long! You have injured the very foundations of my being. Day by day you have tortured me, and yet I could not bear to give you up. When first we met how your ease and polish attracted me! When you became my own how my friends envied me! But your understanding is too small for my large soul. You are opposed to my advancing myself. You have ruined my standing in society. If we had never met I might have walked in peace. So now begone! We part forever."

There was a moment's convulsive breathing, then a gritting of teeth and a sharp sigh. It was all over. By a supreme effort she had pulled off her new shoe.

No Influence.

During a municipal election in a town in the west of Scotland a young lady who was canvassing on behalf of one of the candidates called at a house, the door of which was opened by the good wife.

"I have called to solicit your vote on behalf of Mr. ——," said the young lady.

"But it's not me that's got the vote. It's ma man," replied the woman.

"Yes," said the young lady, "but I thought you might perhaps use your influence with him."

"Me influoence him?" said the good wife. "I hiv nae influoence wi' him. Only this morning I askit him to wash the floor afore he went out, and he wadna dae it."

WHEN DAVID CAME

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Elm Dale was the scene of joyful preparation, for Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hammond were soon to celebrate their golden wedding. From far and near their children and grandchildren were coming to the old country home under the great elms.

All of the neighbors were interested in the coming event, and a number of them were pledged "to help out on chairs and china." Patience Saybin, familiarly known as "Patty," and her brother lived only a mile from Elm Dale, but they had not been asked to contribute, and Patty felt slighted.

"I've offered to lend them everything on the place, even you, John," she said to her brother, "but Mrs. Hammond says they have all the arrangements made. I did want a finger in the pie."

John laughed. "Never mind, little girl," he said consolingly. "Mr. Hammond says they may ask us to 'sleep' one or two if the old house won't hold them all."

The day before the celebration Mrs. Hammond drove over in the morning to see Patty. "I thought we could stow 'em all away," she said, with a smile, "but I was thinking Mary had four children 'stead of five. I don't see how I came to forget little David when I counted noses. I've been wondering, dear, if you'd let him sleep here—either him or one of the others?"

"Oh, yes!" Patty cried delightedly. "I should love to, Mrs. Hammond."

The old lady smiled. "I brought his picture along," she said, "so you could see what a dear little fellow he was."

Patty bent eagerly over the photograph. A pleasant little face smiled at her from the cardboard—the round, dimpled face of a five-year-old. "He's a perfect cherub!" she cried.

"I'm expecting most of my children this evening, and if his folks come I'll send him over before bedtime."

The dear old lady forgot to tell Patty that the picture of David was taken twenty-three years before.

All that day Patty was very busy preparing "little David's room." An old high chair and trundle bed were brought down from the attic and dusted. Lizzie, the good natured girl in the kitchen, made some little round cakes, and Patty frosted them and put a pink "D" on the top of two or three. When evening came everything was in readiness for the expected guest. The tin waiter and tiny knife, fork and plate were on the dining room table, and the little rocker held out its welcoming arms in the sitting room. An old rocking horse that had been John's long ago waited patiently for its gallant rider, and a little woolly dog stood on three legs with an air of expectation.

The day had been a long one to Patty. At 7 o'clock she was rearranging the furniture in little David's room when the doorbell rang. She went to the head of the stairs and called to Lizzie.

"Hurry, Lizzie!" she cried. "They've brought little David over. Take him into the sitting room and amuse him. I'll be down in a few minutes." She flitted back to her work and did not hear Lizzie's exclamation of astonishment when she opened the door and saw a big, broad shouldered man standing there. Probably he had overheard Patty's instructions to the girl, for his eyes were full of laughter, though he said soberly enough: "Good evening. I am David Terrell. Miss Saybin was expecting me, I believe?"

"Y-y-yes, sir," Lizzie stammered, "but she wasn't expectin' quite"— She paused in embarrassment.

"Quite as much of me?" he asked laughingly.

Lizzie giggled and led the way to the sitting room. The little chair held out its welcoming arms in vain to this guest. David Terrell's eyes rested at once upon the rocking horse and woolly dog, and his expression momentarily grew more cheerful.

"Were these—ahem—these preparations made in my honor?" he asked Lizzie. But before the girl could answer a sweet voice came from the upper landing. "Are you amusing him, Lizzie?" Lizzie giggled hysterically.

"Tell her you are," the young man whispered.

"Yes'm," she called in muffled tones from behind her apron.

"Show him the picture books," the voice went on, "and if the little fellow is tired take him up in your lap."

Lizzie stepped into the lower hall and turned her laughing face up to her mistress. "Please, ma'am, I can't," she said. "I'd hate to try."

"I'm ashamed of you!" the indignant reply came. "I'll come right down and take him myself."

Lizzie fled to the kitchen, and there was the quick click of heels on the stairs. Then David Terrell saw a pretty picture framed in the wide doorway. Miss Patty stood there, with surprise and disappointment plainly written on her expressive face.

"Where—where is"— she began in a bewildered way.

David came forward. "I don't know where he is," he said. "If I did I'd get him for you, Miss Saybin."

"You?" she asked.

"Yes. I'm little David's successor. Will you [illegible] growing older and larger, Miss Saybin?"

For a moment the sensitive mouth quivered. She had anticipated so much. Then she held out her hand and said, with a smile, "I suppose you can't help it, but you don't look much like your picture."

"Oh, that's it! Grandmother showed you that small boy photo, did she?"

Patty nodded and smiled again. After all, this David had pleasant eyes, quite like the little fellow's. "I am glad that you came," she said hospitably. "My brother and I are often lonely, and John will be delighted to entertain some one of his own age. I hear him coming now." And she rose and went to the door to meet him. "John," David heard her say, "Mr. Terrell is here."

"Mr. Terrell?" the answer came. "And who is he, Patty?"

"Hush! He'll hear us. It is little David. Don't laugh so loud, John!" She slapped her hand into his and led him to the sitting room, and in a few minutes the three young people were on the short road to friendship.

Late in the evening they adjourned to the dining room for a little lunch. Patty had forgotten the high chair and its accompaniments, and it was with a feeling of dismay that she saw their visitor's eyes traveling in that direction.

"Are these things for my use?" he asked laughingly.

"What things?" Patty said innocently.

"This high chair, tin tray and so on."

"Oh," she said, with a guilty glance at John, "those belong to my brother."

John stared at her in amazement. His face grew crimson with suppressed mirth when Mr. Terrell said, "How old is your little brother?"

"Twenty-seven," Patty answered demurely, and John exploded with laughter. "No good pretending, Patty," he cried. "Better show him all of my old possessions, including the trundle bed, but we'll not ask him to occupy it."

The morning of the golden wedding dawned clear and bright. It was a day filled with happiness for all who gathered at the old home. At 10 that night David Terrell gave John and Patty full account of "the gathering of the clans," as he called it. In conclusion he said, "I shall have to ask you to keep me another night, but after that there will be room for me at Elm Dale."

"I thought you said you must go tomorrow," John exclaimed.

"Yes; that's so, but since then"—and he glanced quickly at Patty—"I've made other arrangements. My brother and I are partners, and Jim is willing that I should have my summer vacation now."

"Oh," Patty cried, "I'm so glad! Aren't you, John?"

"Yes," he said heartily, but this sudden change of plans made him suspicious.

David made good use of those four weeks. His grandmother laughingly accused him of spending half of his vacation with the Saybins.

The last day came, and David walked over for a farewell visit. He found Patty alone on the vine shaded porch. John was away on business, she explained. "Never mind," David said cheerfully. "It is you I wish to see." Her clear eyes were raised to his inquiringly.

"Will you keep your word," he said gently, "and take me?"

"My word!" she murmured wonderingly.

"Yes. Before I saw you I heard you tell Lizzie that you were coming downstairs and you would take me yourself." There was a mischievous light in his eyes now.

Patty's face flushed. "You know I didn't mean"— she began.

He interrupted her anxiously. "But you will take me, dear, on trial for the sake of little David?"

She smiled into the honest eyes, so like those of the child in the picture. "Yes," she said, "for the sake of little David's successor."

Dropped the Subject.

"Five thousand dollars for a dog!" he exclaimed as he looked up from his newspaper. Do you believe any one ever paid any such price, Maria?"

"I'm sure I don't know, James," she returned without stopping her needlework even for a moment. "Does the paper say that much was paid?"

"Yes. There's an article on valuable dogs, and it speaks of one that was sold for $5,000. I don't believe it."

"It may be true, James," she said quietly. "Some of these well bred animals bring fancy prices, and there's no particular reason why the paper should lie about it."

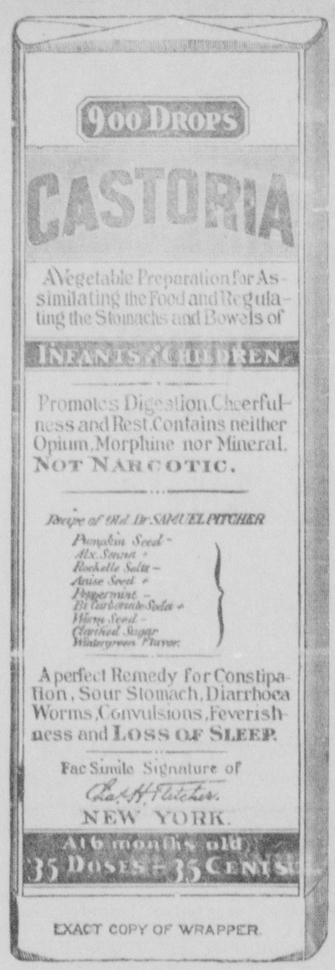
"I know that, Maria. But just think of it! Just try to grasp the magnitude of that sum in your weak, feminine mind. You don't seem to realize it. Five thousand dollars for a dog! Why, hang it, Maria, that's more than I'm worth!"

"I know it, James, but some are worth more than others."

She went calmly on with her sewing, while he fumed and spluttered for a moment and then dropped the subject, especially the weak, feminine mind part of it.—Exchange.

Cafes In the Hungarian Capital.

The trees and the cafes in Pest are Parisian, only there are more trees and more cafes, and in Pest the cafes do not have a crowded existence. There is never the impression of a few tables and a few chairs forced into a narrow space. It seems as if, when the city was laid out and when the buildings were erected, special providence had been made for tables and shrubbery in front of them in the same way that space is calculated for gardens and fountains and lakes in laying out an exposition ground. If old Paris was all on a hill on one side of the Seine and new Paris had been built since 1860 and the Parisian had the free life of the gypsy in his heart and the Russian's fondness for room whether outdoors or in and art and architecture had flourished in Hungary for centuries, there might be some reason for that comparison which frequently occurs to the hurrying tourist.—Frederick Palmer in Scribner's.



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Take advantage of Holiday Slippers and Footwear at these special low prices. Men's Fine Embroidered 75c Slippers, special price 59c. Men's Fine Leather Alligator Style Slipper, Patent Leather back, always sold at $1, special price 75c. Men's Fine Soft Kid Slippers, all styles and colors, regular $1.25 value, special price $1.00. Men's Fine $1.75 and $2 Slippers, special price $1.50. Ladies' Fur Trimmed Cloth Romeo Slipper in red, black, blue and brown, fancy or plain, regular $1.25 grade, special price $1. Ladies' $1.50 Finer Fur Trimmed Romeo, special price $1.50. Ladies' and Men's $3.50 Patent Corona Colt, hand sewed, special sale, price $2.98. $3 grade special price $2.48.

CLOTHING DEPT.

Big sale now going on in Men's Boys' and Children's Overcoats of that recent New York purchase we made at 50c on the dollar. You can buy Overcoats at these prices we quote you—but not that quality that we offer you at the special prices. Men's $12 Fine Black Kersey, all wool, long or medium style Overcoats, special sale price $8.48. Men's $12 and $14 Fine Black or Grey Venician or Frieze all wool, long or medium Overcoats, special sale price $8.98.

Plenty of Toys Left for the Late Shoppers Tonight.

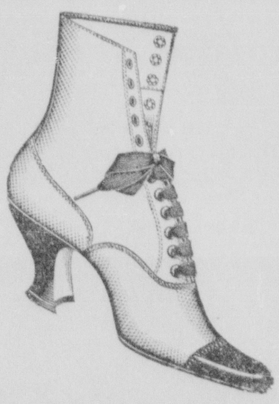
MEAT DEPT.

Dressed Geese, Ducks and Chickens 10c lb, overstock 2000 to pick from This is below cost so come and get a bargain.
6 lbs Boiling Meat.....25c
2 lbs Pork Sausage.....15c
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THE WEATHER

CHICAGO, Ill., DEC 26. 9:50 a. m The following are the weather indications for Northern Illinois

Fair tonight and Sunday. Rising temperature.

A Funny Chase.

Lord Orford, an eccentric English nobleman, once had a team of red deer stags that he frequently drove to a light coach. All went well until one day there happened to be a pack of staghounds on the road from London to Brighton, along which Lord Orford's picturesque team was merrily fleeting. There followed the strangest chase that ever mortal man witnessed. The hounds hunted the team and its owner hard to Newmarket, and with such a smash into the Ram inn yard the whole lot went that there was no more coach left and little more of driver. Lord Orford took to horses after that.

Conquering a Critic.

William Simpson, a British artist, who accompanied the army during the Crimean war, said that Lord Cardigan, the commander, examined his early sketches of Balaklava with "a vacant stare," curtly remarking, "It is all wrong." Still Simpson persevered and was rewarded in the end "with the expression of Lord Cardigan's highest admiration." "The real truth was," he adds in his simple way, "that in the last sketch I had taken greater care than in the first two to make his lordship conspicuous in the front of the brigade."

—Mrs. E. H. Brewster is ill.

—Miss Elizabeth Owens is ill.

—Neil Bradley went to Chicago this morning.

—Otto Dietz is here from Spear for a few days' stay.

—Mrs. Ed. T. Smith is home from a visit in Chicago.

—Miss Eva Anderson went to Ashton this morning.

—Frank Stephan was home from Chicago for a Christmas visit.

—Clinton Rorick went to Chicago this morning to take his postal run.

—Miss Addie Collings has returned from a weeks visit in Spring Valley.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest of Oregon are here for a visit with relatives.

—Charles Crabtree is home from Idaho for several weeks with his mother.

—Ed. Morris and son, George C., were home from Mendota for a Christmas visit.

—Mrs. J. D. Derr is home from Amboy where she was called by the illness of a relative.

—Mrs. Hatcher Grover is here from St. Louis on a visit with her mother, Mrs. Theron Hendrix.

—Miss Adda Hess of the Sun office visited over Christmas with her mother at Mt. Carroll.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris and family returned last night from a visit with relatives in Aurora.

—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rich, Jr., of Sterling are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan.

—Miss Agnes Tague is visiting in Chicago during the holidays with her sister, Mrs. William Vaughn.

Thomas Woolley is here from Chicago on a visit with his brother, W. C. Woolley, through the holidays.

—Elmer Fahrney returned to his home at Albany, Ill., today after a Christmas visit with his brother Al.

—Albert O'Malley was up from Sterling for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Malley.

—Milo Stratton is home from Woodstock, Ill., for a two weeks' visit with his parents, Dave N. Stratton and wife.

—Misses Gertie and Ida Youngman will return this evening from a visit with their brother, Cal Youngman, at Oregon.

—Attorney LeRoy Brown came home from Chicago to enjoy a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. I. Brown.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Ahrens and family are spending the holidays with relatives at Stanton and Effingham, this state.

—Mason Hall left Thursday evening for Kirksville, Mo., his former home. He will visit at Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, before returning.

—Will Klossowski returned to Chicago this morning after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Klossowski of Highland avenue,

—Letter Carrier Fred Hammarstrom wore a very pleasing smile all day Christmas while he was puffing away at some fine cigars sent him by a good friend.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson of Benton Harbor, Mich., are home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Johnson and Mrs. J. H. Todd.

THE BARGAIN COUNTER

Merchants to Their Patrons.

Sunday Dinner will be served at the Opera House Restaurant tomorrow from 12 to 2. 303t1

New Meat Market.

Having resigned at A. Weigle's, I have opened up a shop corner of Commercial alley and Hennepin avenue, opposite William Rink's pump works, where we will handle car meats of all kinds. JAMES HARVEY & Co.
299t6

DANCING SCHOOL

Miss Day, assisted by Madame Kent, G. G. Rosbrook Hall, Monday, 8 to 12. 297tf

Storage Rules.

Commencing at once storage will be charged when freight unloaded at railroad warehouses or platforms is not removed by consignee within forty-eight (48) hours (two days) after freight is unloaded.

J. J. CARTY, Agt. C. & N. W.
L. A. BACKUS, Agt. I. C. R. R.

When "Arizona" was first produced, critics, professionaal and self-constituted, contended as to whether it would properly classify as a melodrama or a realistic comedy. Whichever or whatever may be its proper designation, the success of the piece seems to indicate that it has won its way into the hearts of the people. This may be largely attributed to the fact that its author, Augustus Thomas, a journalist of wide experience, has lived the life he portrays. Manager East man is happy to announce the engagement of the "Arizona" company, for next Tuesday night.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON

We the undersigned will make application for Pardon for Wm. J Gallagher, Jr., at the next term of Board of Pardons which meets Jan. 3rd.

MRS. WM. GALLAGHER,
WM. GALLAGHER, SR.
Dec. 26, 1903. 3033t8*

Mr. Dolan's Carriage.

Mr. Dolan, through the agency of butter and eggs, had reached that stage of prosperity where he was able to set up an establishment with a horse and carriage, and nobody begrudged him his success.

"But what's the reason your wife drives round in a carriage with the letter C on it?" inquired one of Mr. Dolan's friends. "You've not changed your name, Terry?"

"Naw, man," said Mr. Dolan gayly; "me name has stood me fifty years, an' it 'll last out me toime. But the carriage was a great bar-gain at second-hand, man, and the 'C' was on it. 'Twud cost a bit to change it to a 'D,' and I says to Mary Ann, 'D is a koind of a broad lukin' letther, whoile C is more dilicate and ornaminta!,' I says. 'And, besoide that, it's the very next to D in the alphabet, and, more than all,' I says, 'it stands for continted, and that's what ivery Dolan that roides in the carriage will be, so let it stand,' and Mary Ann agreed wid me."—Youth's Companion.

Burglarious Bees.

To the person who knows nothing about bees they represent the supreme type of industry. But even the bee communities are disturbed by those of their own kind who break through and steal. Robber bees are always a source of anxiety to beekeepers, says the London Chronicle, and in the autumn the marauders seem particularly active. Having gathered no honey, or, at any rate, an insufficient supply for themselves, they will descend upon a hive, kill its industrious occupants and carry off the golden treasure in an astonishingly short space of time. We know of one instance in which the attack was developed and the home bees killed in a couple of hours. Sometimes hive will attack neighboring hive. In such cases the old straw "skip" was better than the modern arrangement, for a knife thrust through the top would break the comb and set the honey free, at which the thieves would instantly return to seal up their own store. It is not primarily in their industry that bees are human.

WANTS.

CUSTOMERS to use Tobasco Coffee. The finest Coffee in America. Ask your Grocer for it. 239tf

SALESMAN—Wide awake and an earnest worker wanted in every city within one hundred miles of Chicago to sell our famous teas, coffees, spices, extracts and baking powder to the consumer. We will give very liberal terms to active men. For particulars address The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., 75 Adams street, Chicago. 299t3

5 BOOT Cutters, 10 Oil Grain Cutters, 25 Cutters on Men's, Boys' and Youths' Medium Shoes at M. D. Wells Co's Great Western Shoe Factory, Fond Du Lac, Wis. Daily capacity 6000 pairs. Everything new and modern. Write at once M. D. Wells Co. Waupun, Wis. 302

A DINING room girl and chamber maid wanted at Huguet's Hotel. 302t3

FOR RENT.

COTTAGE, convenient, pleasantly located. Man and wife preferred. Three and one-half blocks from Court House Rent reasonable. Enquire at 414 South Dixon avenue. 246tf

OFFICE rooms over Dixon Grocery. Good light and ventilation. All modern improvements. Enquire of William Beier. 240tf

GOOD 5 room house on West Fellows street Apply to H. Levi at the Plymouth. 196t

FOR SALE.

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TWO soft coal stoves—one No. 20 Beckwith Round Oak and one No. 18. Also one office desk one one-horse wagon. Drew & Hughes 90 Peoria avenue. 292tf

A GOOD Young MilchCow. Apply to Mrs Becker, Grand Detour road, across from the Dixon Ice houses. 275tf

LOST

A SMALL hand valise. 18 inches long, light color, with name of Wm W. Guild, Arlington Heights. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward, or with E. C. Hodgkins. 303t3

A WATCH-CHARM—Opal on one side, initials R E. D. on the other. Leave at J. H. Deeter's Furniture Store and receive reward. 303t3*

BLACK and white English Setter dog. Liberal reward paid for return of same. Roy Bridges. 303t3*

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Collector for the township of Dixon, subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. DWIGHT BURNHAM.

Notice to Clergymen and Others Holding Annual and Time Clergy Permits:

Owing to a delay of clergy rules for 1904, it will be impossible to issue Annual and Time Clergy Permits for use commencing Jan. 1st, 1901, therefore the Illinois Central will honor Joint Western Passenger Association Clergy Permits for 1903 up to and including Jan. 31, 1904. The blank applications will soon be ready for distribution.

Half Rates to Portland, Oregon, and Return,

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold Jan. 6 to 9, inclusive, with very favorable return limits, on account of National Live Stock Association. Apply to Agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

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Our Goatilin Goat Lymph Tabloids are the original and only preparation of Goat Lymph for stomach administration. Cures Nerve Diseases, Nervous Prostration, Anaemia, Neuralgia, Locomotor Ataxia, Scrofula, Rheumatism and General Debility. Besides being curative in serious organic and functional diseases they are a marvelous Tonic for all ailing men and women.

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THE UNPARALELLED SUIT AND OVERCOAT values we are now offering at radically reduced prices in order to reduce stock quickly appeals to everyone who desires to save money. The Holiday season so near at hand, nothing would be more appropriate than one of our Suits and Overcoats especially now when so little outlay of money is required.

Men's Suits

The immense variety of Men's Suits you have to choose from here is certainly worth consideration. At no time, no place and under no circumstance has any house ever offered values as this sale affords. The Suits on sale are all this seasons latest products made from finest fabrics, cut in the latest styles, tailored in the best possible manner and the fit equal to custom-made.

Men's Suits, sold earlier in the season at $10.00, now.....**7.50**
Men's Suits, sold earlier in the season at $12.00 and $13.00, now.....**10.00**
Men's Suits, sold earlier in the season at $14, $15 and $16, now.....**12.00**
Men's Suits, sold earlier in the season at $17, $18 and $20, now.....**15.00**

Furnishing Goods Department.

Reduction sale of our stock of Men's Underwear means a saving of no small item.

Men's All Wool Underwear, all sizes Shirts and Drawers, colors natural, tan and blue, $1.25 values, now **89c**
Men's Extra Heavy Fleece-Lined Underwear, all sizes, Shirts and Drawers, 50c values, now.....**39c**
Boys' Extra Heavy Fleece-Lined Underwear, all sizes.....**25c**
Men's All Wool Socks only.....**15c**

Shoe Department

Men's Fine Shoes, Goodyear Welt, in all styles of leather, at **2.95** and **3.50**
Men's Slippers at **75c, 1.00** and **1.50**
Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes at.....**2.00 2.50** and **2.95**
Misses' Fine Kid Shoes, 11 to 2, at.....**98c** and **1.25**
Boys' Shoes, 9 to 13½ strictly solid, at.....**1.25**

Dress Suit Cases Make Valuable Holiday Gifts

Our display of Dress Suit Cases is exceedingly large—almost anything you might desire can be found here at prices to please.....**1.50 to 7.50**
We call special attention to our Dress Suit Case at $5.00—Its made from fine sole leather, linen lined and brass trimmed.

Men's Overcoats

The extra special values we are now offeing in Men's Overcoats should be interesting to all who have overcoats to buy. There is no need of suffering from the Cold Winter blasts when such opportunities as these are at your command. At no time have such good Overcoats as we sell been offered to the public at such radically reduced prices as now.

Men's $10.00 overcoats now.....**$7.50**
Men's $12.00 and $13.00 Overcoats now.....**$10.00**
Men's $14.00, 15.00 and $16.00 Overcoats now.....**$12.00**
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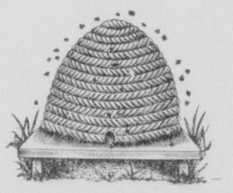
Boys' Clothing

Boys' Knee Pants Suits, ages 7 to 16 years, double breasted and Norfolk style, sold earlier in the seast at 3.50 and $4.00 now.....**$2.95**
Boy's 3-Piece Knee Pant Suit, ages 9 to 16, exceptional value during the great Overstock Sale at **3, 4,** and **$5**
Little Fellows' Suits, ages 3 to 16 yrs, Vestee, Sailor, Norfolk and Blouse sold earlier in the season at $4.50 and $5.00, now.....**3.50**
Boy's Long Pant Suits, ages 14 to 20, latest designs in Cheviots, Cassimeres, Worsteds, sold earlier in the season at $12.00 and $13.50, now **9.50**
Boys' Long Pants Suits, ages 14 to 20, in all-wool fabrics, a beautiful range of paterns to select from, sold earlier in the seaeon at $8, 9 and $10 now **$7**
Boys' Overcoats, sold at $12 and $13.50 now.....**9.50**
Boys' Overcoats, sold at $8, $9 and $10, now.....**7.00**
Boys' Overcoats, sold at $6.50 and $7.50 now.....**5.00**
Boys' Overcoats, ages 3 to 16 years, splendedly tailored, of good, durable material, at.....**3.50 and 5.00**
Boys' Knee Pants, ages 4 to 16 years, extra good wear-resisting garments specially priced for this great sale at.....**39c and 50c**
Boys' Long Pants, ages 14 to 20 years, in stripes, checks, and fancy mixtures, at prices ranging from **1 to $3**

Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats

We are now showing a magnificent line of smoking jackets and coats. Nothing could please a man better. A beautiful line of two-tone effects to choose from here at **5.00, 6.50, 8.00, $10.**

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